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"Tenchi Muyô" can mean "Useless Tenchi"... which is a pretty haartless way to refer to a guy who somehow survives daily life with a space pirate, an interstellar cop, a mad scientist, and two powerful alien rulers as housemates. Of course, they're all lovely ladies, and most of them are violently in love with him, so our hapless hero doesn't have it all bad.

In this volume, trouble arrives, as it so often does, via superganius Washu's latest brilliant invention. A lab accident unleashes an adorable pint-size version of Tenchi... then lots of adorable pint-sized versions of Tenchi... and then... dinosaurs? Blame it on the unholy combination of a photo album, a stack of books, and biomedical research equipment from outer space... and, of course, on Mihoshi's legendary klutziness.

Also: the gang celebrates the traditional demon-fighting ceremony of Mamemaki (even though Ryoko is, technically, a demon), one of little Sasami's classmates turns out to be an alien spy, and everybody eats, drinks, and fights like it's goin' out of style. And that's just the beginning...

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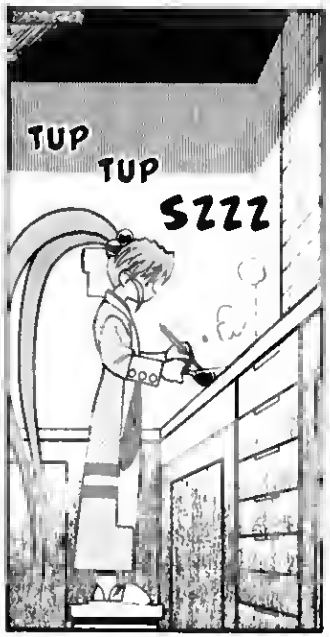
Chapter 1: Out with the Demon!

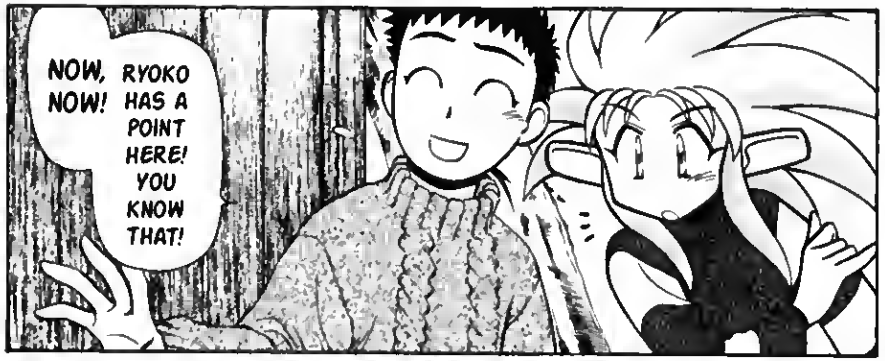


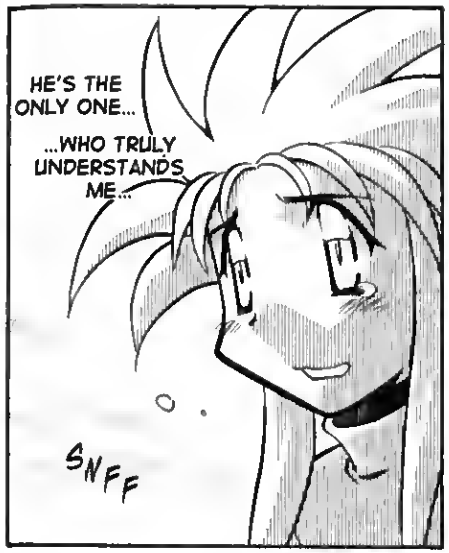
*IN JAPAN, FEBRUARY 3 IS SETSUBUN, THE FIRST DAY OF SPRING. AMONG THE HOLIDAY RITUALS IS MAMEMAKI, IN WHICH PEOPLE THROW BEANS TO SCARE AWAY WINTERTIME DEMONS.

BUT YOU'RE OUR VERY OWN DEMON, RYOKO. YOU'RE A LEGEND!
THAT STORY'S JUST A LIE YOSHO MADE UP... TO RUIN MY LIFE!

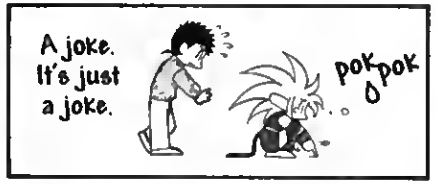
WHO'D CALL A SWEET, PRETTY THING LIKE ME A DEMON?
NO ONE IN HER RIGHT MIND!

BUT SHE IS.
SHE HAS TO BE.
FOR REAL, IS SHE?
STOP THAT!


NOW, NOW! RYOKO HAS A POINT HERE! YOU KNOW THAT!


HE'S THE ONLY ONE...
...WHO TRULY UNDERSTANDS ME...
SNFF

EVEN IF RYOKO IS A REAL-LIFE DEMON, IT'S STILL NOT FAIR TO MAKE HER PLAY THE PART EVERY YEAR.


A joke. It's just a joke.
pok pok

LET FATE DECIDE!
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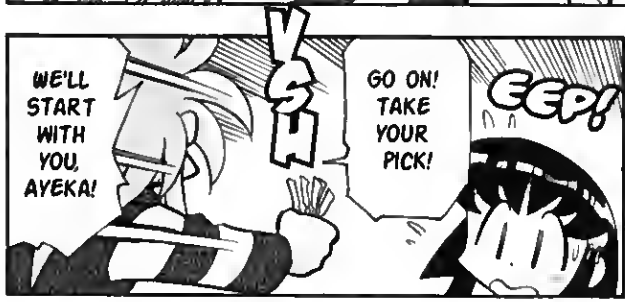
WE'LL DECIDE WHO THE "DEMON" IS WITH THESE!
YOU DON'T MIND THAT, DO YOU?


WE'LL START WITH YOU, AYEKA!
GO ON! TAKE YOUR PICK!
EEP!

HOLD ON A SEC, HERE!

NOW WHAT IS IT?
WILL YOU LET ME SEE THOSE?
THEY MAY BE FIXED!
WOW! THEY'RE NOT ALL LOSERS!
LOSER
HOW OARE YOU THINK THAT!
FINE, FINE! LET'S GO!
AHEM!
WHAT DO WE SAY, HMM?
HO HO HO
I FEEL ALL WARM AND FUZZY INSIDE!
I...
...I'M SORRY THAT I DOUBTED YOU...
...
Why, why, why?

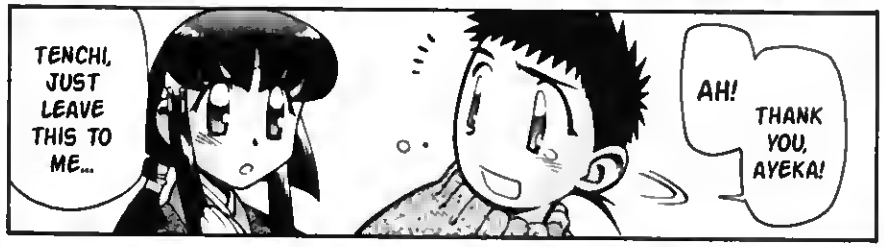
OKAY, LET'S TRY THIS ONCE MORE.
FSH
GWM
HUH?
...
...
UM...
GWM
UFFFF
HFFF
URF
CUT IT OUT, YOU TWO!
JUST LET ME PICK FIRST, OKAY?
ANO OON'T HOLD IT SO TIGHT, RYOKO
VUP
AH...

YAY!
TENCHI!
HOORAY!
...
IT'S BEEN DECIDED! THIS YEAR'S DEMON WILL BE... TENCHI!

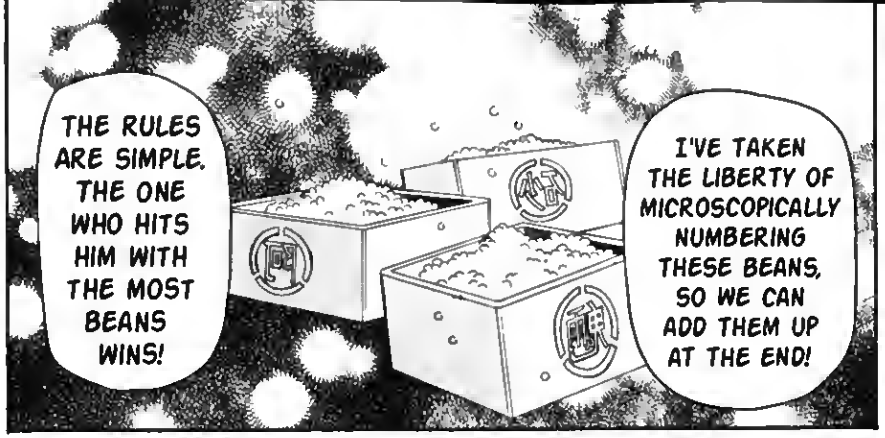
AND IN HONOR OF THIS RARE AND QUITE HAPPY TURN OF EVENTS...
...WE REALLY OUGHT TO ADD A SPECIAL TWIST!
WHAT KIND OF TWIST?
WHAT, WHAT? TELL US!
THE ONE WHO HITS HIM WITH THE MOST BEANS GETS TO TELL EVERYONE WHAT TO DO FOR A DAY.
ARE YOU IN?
JING!
WHAT?

B-BUT THAT'S NOT HOW IT WORKS ...

I'M IN!
WHY NOT?!
KRIK
KRAK
UH-OH!
SHE LIKES THIS WAY TOO MUCH!


TENCHI, JUST LEAVE THIS TO ME...
AH! THANK YOU, AYEKA!

RYOKO! I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU TELL ME WHAT TO DO!
I'M GOING TO WIN!
B-BUT... THAT'S NOT WHAT IT'S ABOUT!


THE RULES ARE SIMPLE. THE ONE WHO HITS HIM WITH THE MOST BEANS WINS!
I'VE TAKEN THE LIBERTY OF MICROSCOPICALLY NUMBERING THESE BEANS, SO WE CAN ADD THEM UP AT THE END!

THEN WHAT WILL WE DO WITH THESE?
WE WON'T NEED THEM, WILL WE?

OH, YES WE WILL!
YOU EAT ONE BEAN FOR EACH YEAR OF YOUR AGE!

HA HA HA

SO YOU'LL HAVE TO EAT 700, EH, AYEKA?
YOU'LL HAVE TO EAT MORE THAN 5000, CRONE!
AWW! ALL I GET IS 24!
20,000 BEANS ?!

WHAT'S WRONG, SASAMI?
SNF
SNF

I DON'T WANT TO ADMIT IT, BUT...
709 BEANS

...WHAT CHOICE DO I HAVE?
WHA... WHAT IS THIS THING!?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE IT THIS FAR ...
A REAL DEMON
THE SUIT RECORDS THE BEANS THAT HIT IT.
AND THE HORNS? AND THE CLUB?
THEY ADD TO THE MOOD.
LET'S START MAMEMAKI!
WOO!
BUT I WAS ASLEEP FOR 700 YEARS.

UM... LET ME SEE, NOW!
tsh
wsh
TIK
HYA!
FWIP
YOU CAN'T DO IT LIKE THAT MIHDSH!!
THROW ONE BIG GLOB!
OH, I SEE! OKAY.
ONE BIG GLOB!
GLOBBO
THIS IS NO GOOD.
FUP
FIP
FWHUD
SELF-DESTRUCT MODE!
OKEY DOKEY! THAT'S ONE DOWN.

YAH! YAH! HIYA!
PIP
PAP
OUCH, OUCH, OUCH!
SO SORRY TO DO THIS, TENCHI!
...BUT IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD -TO SAVE YOU FROM RYOKO'S WRATH!
AH, I'M SUCH A...
GWM
PAP
PAP
PAP
PAP
...NICE-
AGH!
OH, DEAR! LOOK WHAT I'VE DONE!
MY AIM'S NOT SO GOOD, IS IT?
FSSSSH
GRR
GRR
OH, NO! AYEKA!
YEEP!

OKAY THE TIME HAS COME.
GAH!
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING, TENCHI.
OOM
I'M N-NOT WAITING! I'M NOT!
YOU... YOUR EYES! S-SO COLD!
SOAK UP MY LOVE DEAR ONE...
GWM
...SO WE CAN HAVE OUR DAY OF JOY!
YAAAH!

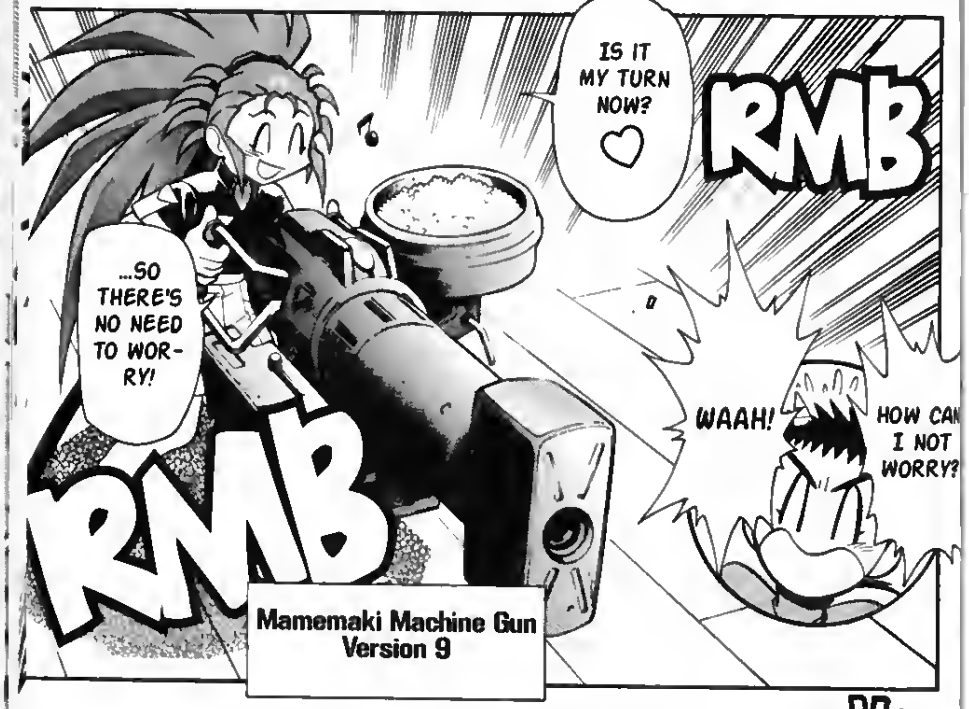
SOY-
BEAN
LOVE
GUN!
PWAP
PWAP
PWAP
PWAP
PWAP

KRSH
SKRESH

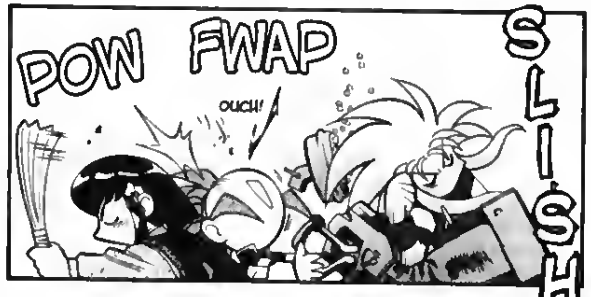
AIEEE!
SKREAK
KREK

SSS
SSSSS
HOW 'BOUT THAT?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "HOW 'BOUT THAT"?
YOU MIGHT HAVE KILLED ME...



Mamemaki Machine Gun Version 9



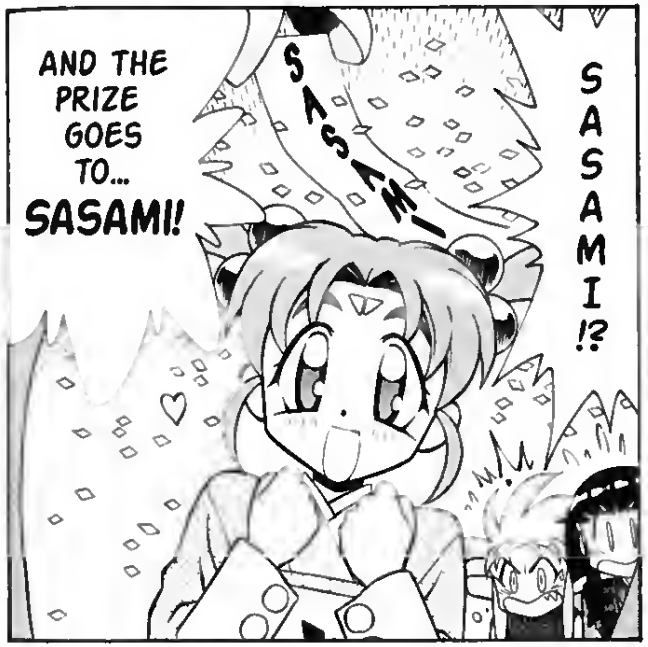
I'M NOT MESSING AROUND! NO ONE WILL STOP MY PLANS!
I'LL MAKE AYEKA WORK LIKE A HORSE...
...AND SASAMI WILL FEED ME ALL DAY...
...AND I'LL DRINK A RIVER OF SAKE...
...AND THEN IT'S TENCHI TIME!
RYO... RYOKO !?

WH-WHEN RYOKO SAYS SHE'LL DO SOMETHING...
...SHE DOES IT!
WHAT WILL I DO?
WHAT WILL I DO!?

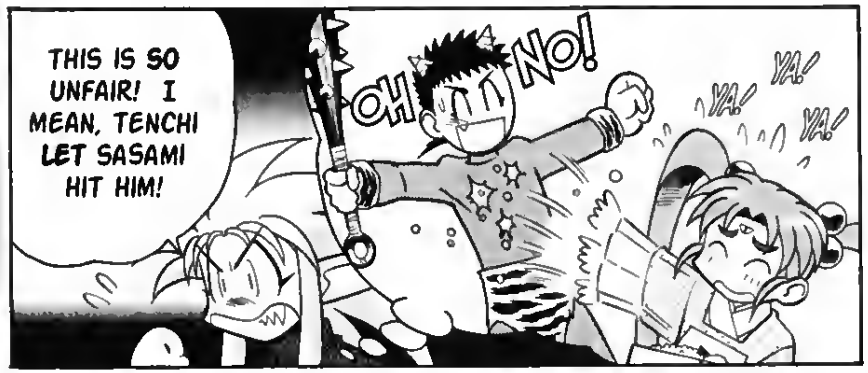
WAIT! I KNOW... I'LL...
AAH!
YAA

HUH...?
EEK!
FW
YAY!
ASH

AND SO IT IS TIME...
...FOR ME TO DECLARE OUR WINNER!
TA
TA
TA
TA
TA
TA
DRUM ROLL


AND THE PRIZE GOES TO... SASAMI!
SASAMI!?
SASAMI!

HOW CAN THIS BE?!
WHY?
WHY?
WHY?
WHY?
WHY!?


THIS IS SO UNFAIR! I MEAN, TENCHI LET SASAMI HIT HIM!
OH NO!
YA!
YA!
YA!

ON TOP OF THAT, HE USED HIS FORCE FIELD TO BLOCK THE BEANS WE THREW.
ZWMMM
THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S NOT FAIR!
I DID IT FOR THE SAKE OF WORLD PEACE.

LOSERS SHOULD KEEP THEIR MOUTHS SHUT.
GYAH!
B... BUT I...

SO LET'S HEAR IT!

WHAT ARE THE DEMANDS OF THE WINNER, HMM?
WELL, YOU KNOW, I...

...I DO HAVE ONE BIG WISH!

THAT AYEKA AND RYOKO WOULD STOP FIGHTING AND GET ALONG...
HA HA HA
...AND THAT MIHOSHI WON'T CRASH-LAND...
...AND THAT WASHU WOULD STOP USING TENCHI AS A GUINEA PIG... JUST FOR ONE DAY.
HO HO
WELL, FOR ONE DAY!..

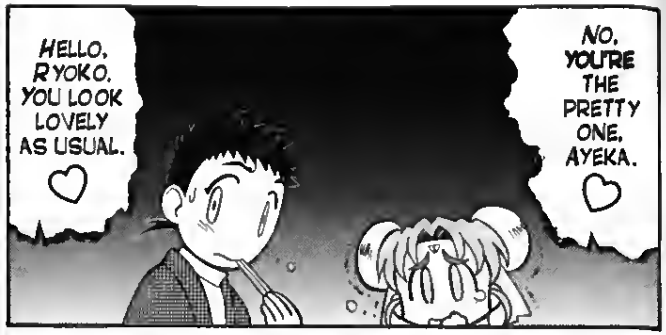
SO... ...WHAT IS YOUR WISH FOR TENCHI?

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO JUST TELL HIM TO RELAX AND DO NOTHING, ARE YOU?
NOOO!
I DID THINK ABOUT THAT... BUT... BUT...

...YOU KNOW HOW TENCHI IS - IT WOULD ONLY MAKE HIM UNCOMFORT-ABLE...
...SO I WANT TENCHI TO JUST DO WHATEVER HE WANTS!

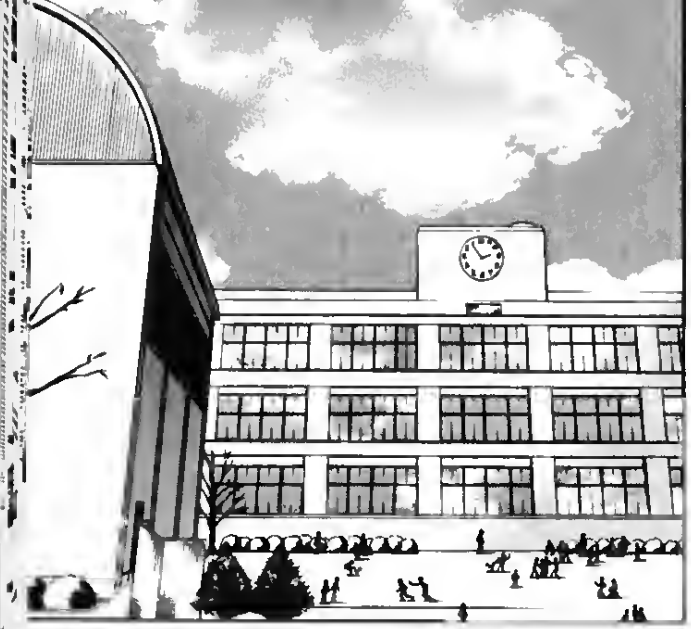
AWW!

HEH!
THWUB

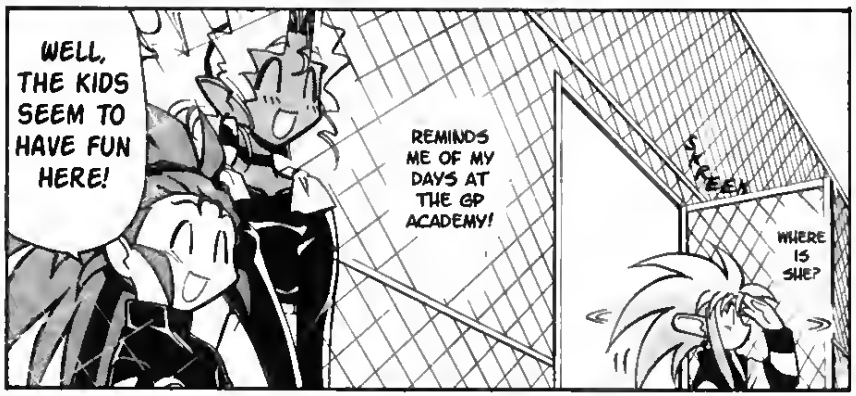


Chapter 2: School Daze

SEE YOU LATER!
YOU HAVE A GOOD DAY!
BYE BYE! BE GOOD!
ISN'T THE GRADUATION CEREMONY GOING ON AT SASAMI'S SCHOOL TODAY?
IT IS!
SHE'S GOING TO GIVE THOSE FLOWERS SHE HAS TO ONE OF THE UPPERCLASSMEN IN HER CLUB...
GRAD-UATION CERE-MONY? WHAT'S THAT?
HUH?
NSSt
AH, YES. SOMEONE HERE ONLY MADE IT THROUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, DIDN'T THEY?
AH, YES.
SOMEONE HERE WANTS TO FIGHT FIRST THING IN THE MORNING.
KRAK
KRAK
OH NO!
PLEASE DON'T...?
HEY! WANT TO GO SEE IT?
SASAMI'S SCHOOL GRAD-UATION?

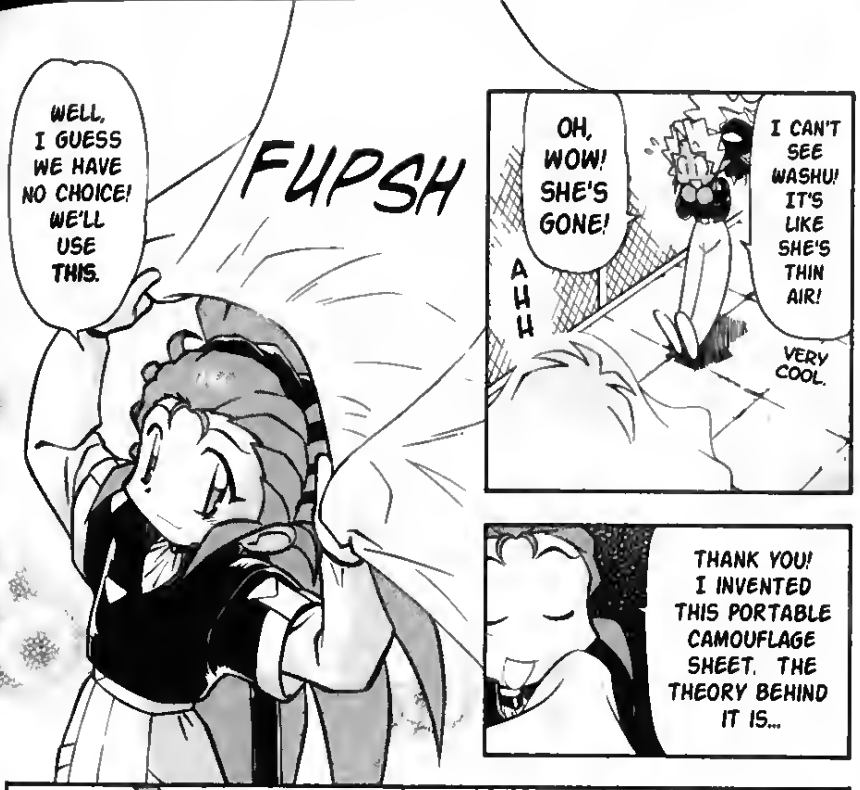


BZZ
BZZ


WELL, THE KIDS SEEM TO HAVE FUN HERE!
REMINDS ME OF MY DAYS AT THE GP ACADEMY!
SKEEA
WHERE IS SHE?

OH! HEY, RYOKO!
WHERE'S YOUR PERMISSION SLIP?

THIS AREA IS OFF LIMITS! KIDS ONLY!
NO FUN!
JUST PLAY NICE!


WELL, I GUESS WE HAVE NO CHOICE! WE'LL USE THIS.
FUPSH
OH, WOW! SHE'S GONE!
AHH
I CAN'T SEE WASHU! IT'S LIKE SHE'S THIN AIR!
VERY COOL.
THANK YOU! I INVENTED THIS PORTABLE CAMOUFLAGE SHEET. THE THEORY BEHIND IT IS...

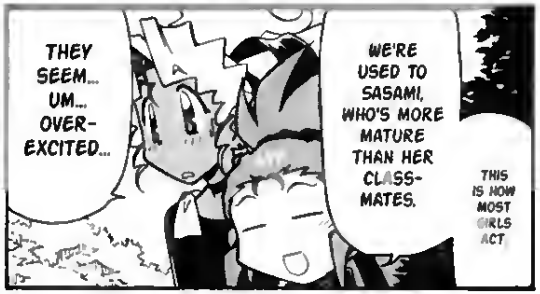
...THAT... YOU'RE NOT LISTENING TO ME AT ALL.
YAY!
WOW! OH, BOY!
THAT SORT OF THING IS FINE, IF YOU NEED IT!
I'LL JUST FADE OUT.
WSSH

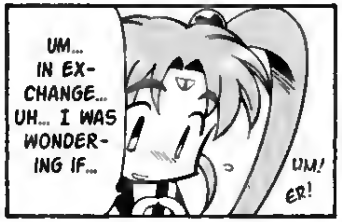
UFF
HFF
UF
HF
UH-OH! HERE SHE IS!
FSH
QUICK! COME HIDE!
YAY!
YEP!
WHERE'S RYOKO?
FSST
MINOSHI'S HERE
FSSH
HAH
HAH
HAH
LOOK, OVER THERE.
IT'S THE UPPER-CLASSMEN FROM HER CLUB.
WHERE'S SHE RACING OFF TO?

SASAM!
HI, MAMADA!
AH!
HA!

UM... FOR YOU! CONGRATU-LATIONS ON GRAD-UATING, MAMADA.
OH!
THANK YOU! I'M SO HAPPY!
WHOA!
WOW!

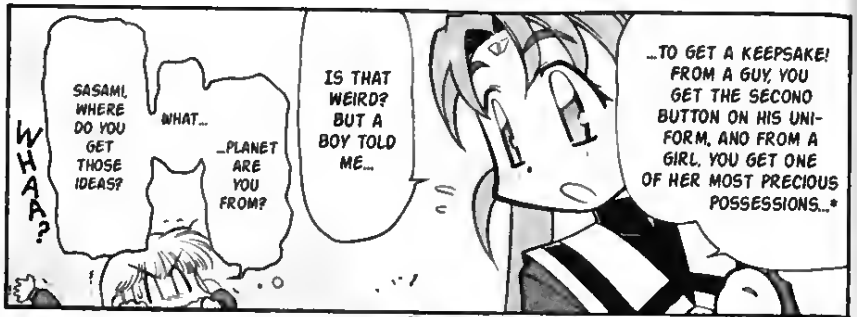
YOU ARE SO VERY COOL!
HOO-RAH!
WE'LL MISS YOU SO MUCH!


THEY SEEM... UM... OVER-EXCITED...
WE'RE USED TO SASAMI, WHO'S MORE MATURE THAN HER CLASS-MATES.
THIS IS HOW MOST GIRLS ACT

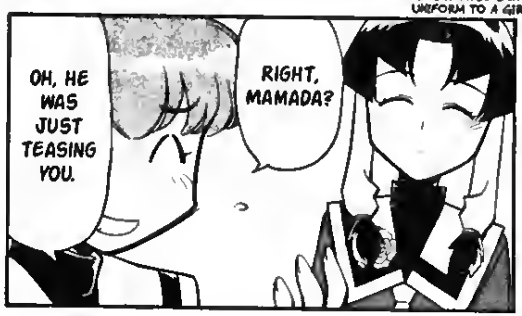

UM... IN EX-CHANGE... UH... I WAS WONDER-ING IF...
UM! ER!

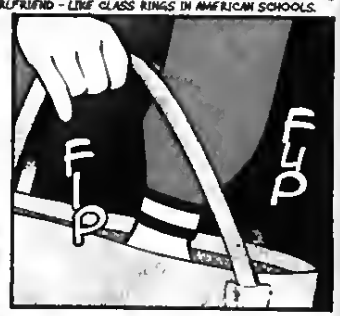
?

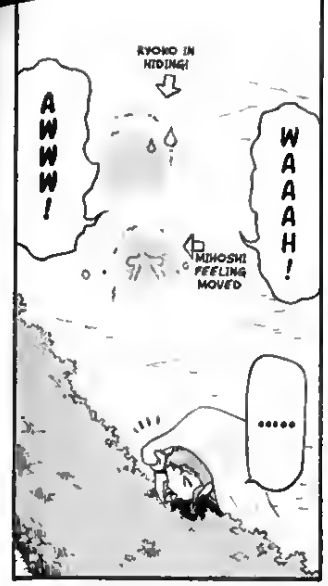
CAN I HAVE YOUR COOKING POT?

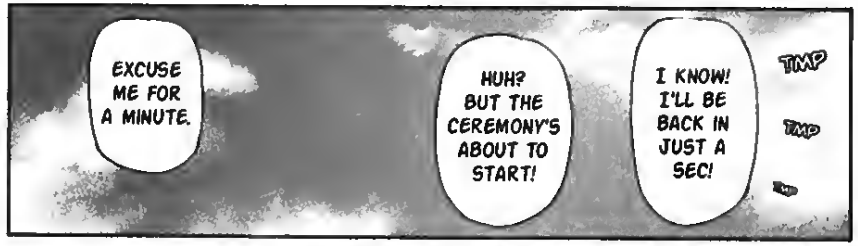

WHAA?
SASAMI, WHERE DO YOU GET THOSE IDEAS?
WHAT...
...PLANET ARE YOU FROM?
IS THAT WEIRD? BUT A BOY TOLD ME...
...TO GET A KEEPSAKE! FROM A GUY, YOU GET THE SECOND BUTTON ON HIS UNIFORM, AND FROM A GIRL, YOU GET ONE OF HER MOST PRECIOUS POSSESSIONS...*

*IN JAPANESE SCHOOLS, A BOY OFTEN GIVES THE SECOND BUTTON ON HIS UNIFORM TO A GIRLFRIEND - LIKE CLASS RINGS IN AMERICAN SCHOOLS.







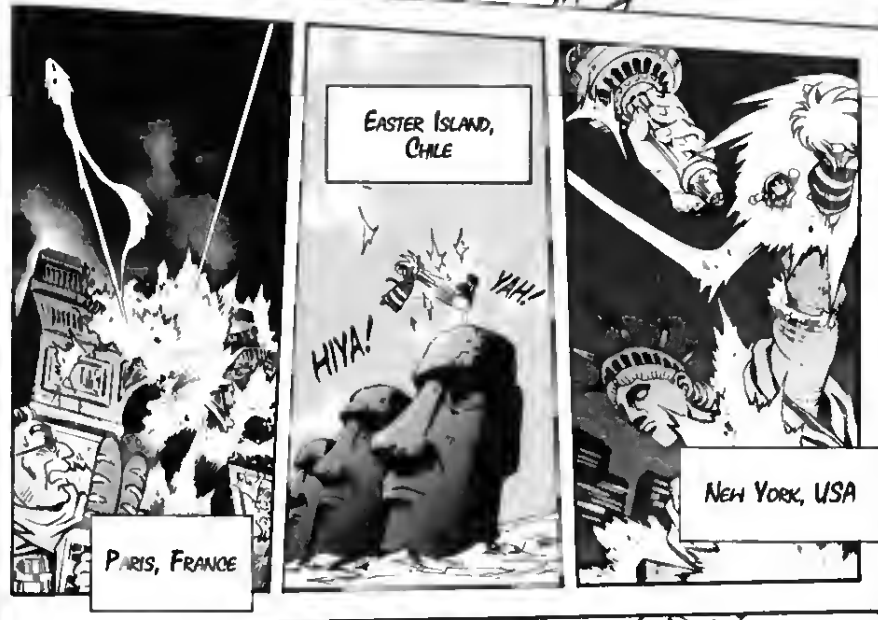


TSH
YOU'RE NOT HUMAN, ARE YOU?
ARE YOU ONE TO TALK?
WHY A COOKING POT?
I JUST HAVE TO KNOW!
SASAMI AND I ARE IN COOKING CLUB TOGETHER...
OH... I SEE...
WELL THEN... WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
AND WHY ARE YOU PRETENDING TO BE AN EARTHLING? WHY THE CHARADE?
HEH
FROM MAMADA'S POV THEY LOOK LIKE THIS!
!!
OH, NO! ARE THESE GUYS...
...PLANNING TO HURT DEAR SASAMI!?
ZASH
SO YOU WANNA FIGHT?
IS THAT IT?
KIK
KEEK
THEN LET'S GO, GIRL!
I WON'T LET YOU DO IT...
!
DON'T HARM HER!

!
JING!
KA
JMP
WHOA!
KA POW
POW
WAP
PAP
PAP
PA
UM... ...HOW FAR ARE THEY GOING TO GO?
EEP! HA, HA, HA!
WONDER IF THEY'LL GET BEYOND THE ATMO-SPHERE...
POW
KAPOW
POW POW
AND SURE ENOUGH - THEY WENT ALL THE WAY...

WHOOSH
ULTRA SUPER ORBIT BUSTER!
CAIRO, EGYPT
SKA
BLAM

I'M NOT DONE YET!
OH, YEAH? WELL, I'M JUST GETTING STARTED!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HIYA!
YAH!
NEW YORK, USA

HMMM!
LIKE HUMAN BULLETS, CIRCLING THE WORLD!
WHOA! THAT'S SO AWE-SOME!
I WANT TO GO AROUND THE WORLD, TOO. CAN I, HUH?

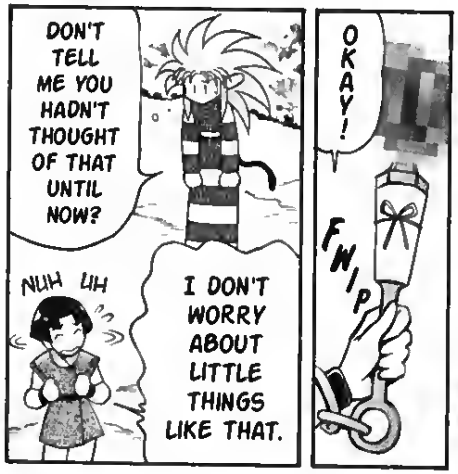
MIHOSHI, LOOK OUT! BEHIND YOU!
HUH?
ZNSS
ST
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
LET'S SEE IF I CAN CALM THEM DOWN...
BEEP!
BL
YEEK!
WHUID
AHAH!
SPAN

ZMMM
HMM... ODD!
OID I HEAR THAT?
OR WAS IT ALL IN MY MIND? THOSE WEIRD NOISES?
HM!
WELL, SHE'S NOT OVER HERE.
DID YOU FIND MAMAOA, SIR? WHERE'D SHE GO?
HOW'D YOU DO THAT?
GENIUS (3)!
AN ATMOSPHERE ALTERATION.
I'LL SPARE YOU THE DETAILS.
WE'D BETTER WAKE THESE TWO UP.
UNNH?

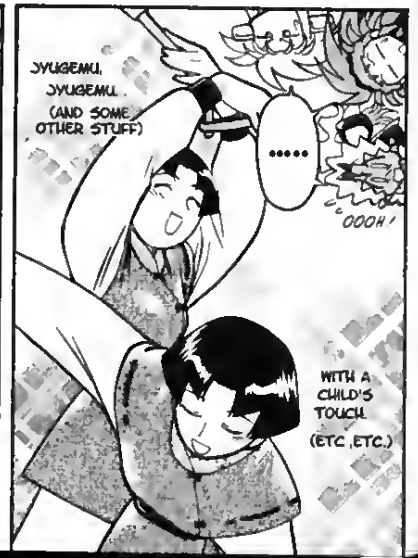
I'M SORRY! I FEEL SO SILLY NOW...
MAMADA
OHHH...
I COULDN'T SEE YOU, ANO I OIDN'T REALIZE IT WAS JUST RYOKO ANO WASHU! I BEHAVEO SO RUOELY...
HOW SHE REALLY LOOKS.
WHAT? YOU'RE NOT JUST A LITTLE BRAT!
SO YOU'VE BEEN HERE ALL ALONG? WE NEVER KNEW...
...SASAMI HAO A SPECIAL GUAROIAN FOR SCHOOL!
THAT WAS THE IDEA!
THE KING OF JURAI TOLD ME THAT I'D BETTER NOT LET SASAMI KNOW WHAT I WAS UP TO...
BUT YOU'RE GRADUATING, RIGHT?
YES...
...BECAUSE OF A LITTLE MISTAKE, I WAS PUT INTO THE WRONG GRADE...
S-IGH

SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?
I DON'T KNOW! IF I DON'T DO SOMETHING, THE KING OF JURAI WILL PUNISH ME...
SOB SOB
SLSH
OKAY, OKAY! STOP CRYING!

IF YOU TRANSFER BACK INTO SASAMI'S GRADE, IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT!
YEAH!
THAT WOULD BE SO PERFECT!
CASE CLOSED!

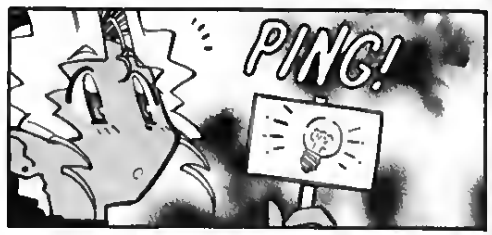

DON'T TELL ME YOU HADN'T THOUGHT OF THAT UNTIL NOW?
NUH UH
I DON'T WORRY ABOUT LITTLE THINGS LIKE THAT.

OKAY!
FWIP


JYUSEMU, JYUSEMU, (AND SOME OTHER STUFF)
.....
OOOH!
WITH A CHILD'S TOUCH (ETC.,ETC.)

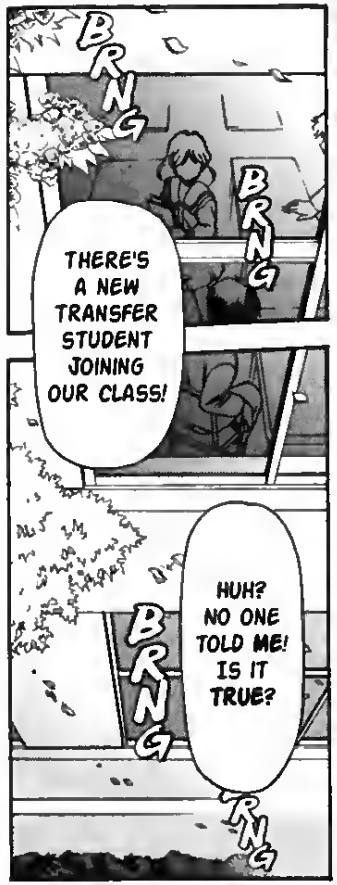
TURN ME INTO A FOURTH-GRADER!
POOF
OH, HOW CUTE!
SHE ISN'T MUCH DIFFERENT THAN SHE WAS BEFORE!
BUT AT LEAST SHE'S A TOUCH TINIER!
POOF
THEN HOW ABOUT THIS?
POOF
OR THIS?
PWIF
OR THIS ONE?

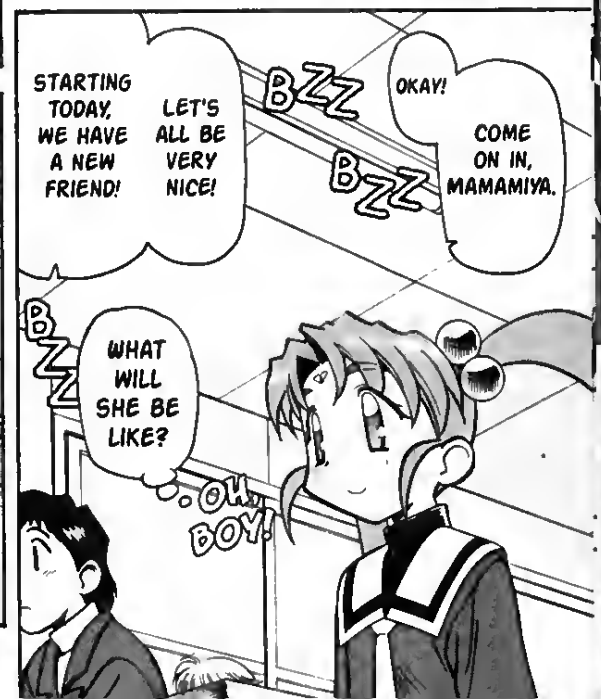
YOU CAN'T JUST CHANGE YOUR HAIR! YOUR FACE STILL LOOKS THE SAME!
NO! NO!
NO!
NO!
REALLY? COULDA FOOLED ME, THAT'S FOR SURE!
IF ONLY YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE SHE NEEDED TO FOOL, MIHOSHI.

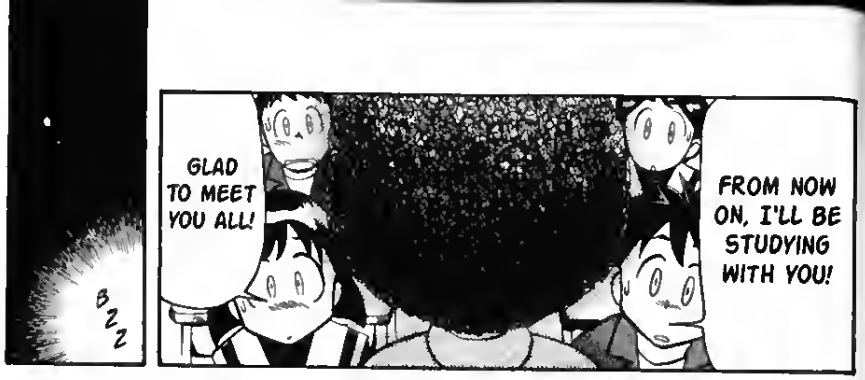


AND SO THE DAYS FLY BY...

...AND A NEW SEMESTER BEGINS AT SASAMI'S SCHOOL...



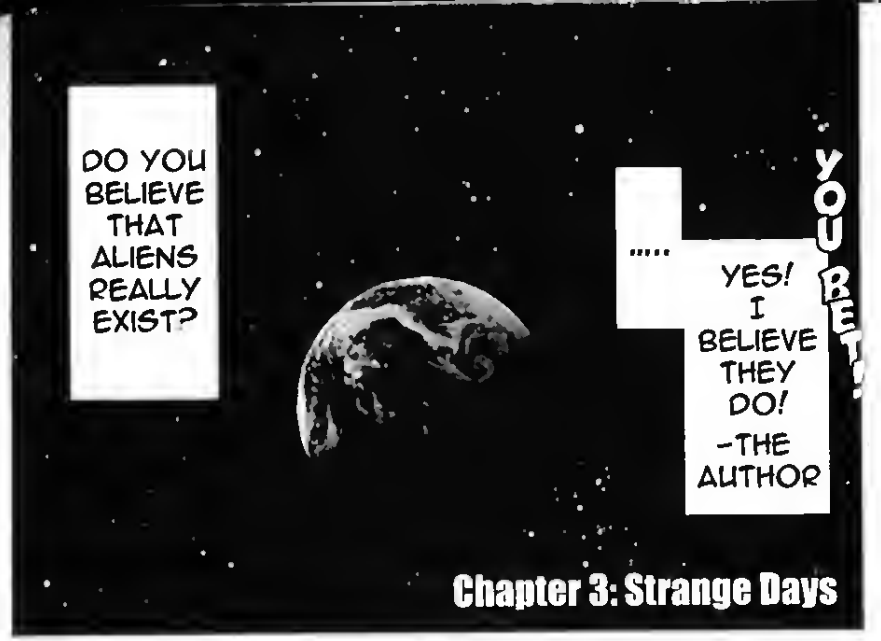




.....
MY NAME IS TADASHI MAMAMIYA!
IT'S VERY NICE TO BE HERE!
WELL, I GUESS IT WAS A GOOD IDEA TO BECOME A BOY...
WHAT IS WITH THE HAIR?!
BOP BOP
it's a boy!

MEAN-WHILE, BACK ON JURAI...
SO MAMA FINALLY MADE IT INTO THE SAME CLASS AS SASAMI.
AND SHE'S MODELED HERSELF AFTER A FAMOUS EARTHLING!*
SO... THIS STYLE... IT'S WELL-LIKED ON EARTH, EH?

*THE MAN IN THE PHOTO IS TAPAW SUZUKI, A FUNKY DANCE STAR FAMOUS FOR HIS HUGE AFRO AND HIS "OYAJI DANCERS," A DANCE TEAM OF MIDDLE-AGED MEN.



THEN MAY WE CONTINUE?
THIS IS THE STORY OF A YOUNG BOY BORN UNDER STRANGE CIRCUM-STANCES...
...AND THE GIRLS WHO KNEW HIM.
WE CAN CALL IT A LOVE STORY OF SORTS.

AND, LIKE ALL GOOD TALES...
...IT'S GOT A GREAT START!
Chapter 3: Strange Days
THE PLACE IS EARTH. OKA-YAMA, JAPAN.
RYOKO!
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
RYOKO! STOP HIDING AND COME ON OUT!

YOU ALWAYS TRY AND GET OUT OF CLEANING THE TOILET!
COME OUT, COME OUT!
YOU WON'T GET OUT OF IT TODAY, RYOKO!
WHERE COULD SHE BE HIDING THIS TIME?
NO, NOT DOWN HERE...

KACHIK
RYOKO IS NOT A NORMAL WOMAN. (WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST CLUE?)
A SPACE PIRATE SHE FLED TO EARTH 700 YEARS AGO...
...ONLY TO BE SEALED INSIDE THE MASAKI FAMILY SHRINE!

THERE THE MUCH-FEARED DEMON OF THE SPACE-WAYS...
...BECAME FIXATED ON A BOY NAMED TENCHI... AN OBSESSION WHICH SHOWS NO SIGN OF ABATING

*THIS STORY WAS WRITTEN WHEN TENCHI MOVED FROM MONTHLY DRAGON JUNIOR MAGAZINE TO MONTHLY DRAGON AGE

GET OUT HERE, NOW!
HA HA HA! HOW CRUEL.
SLAM!
YEEK!
RYOKO!
SEE YA LATER!
ZU ZU ZU ZU
ARGH!
LAY OFF, WILL YA?
YOU COME BACK HERE!

KA CHIK
HER NAME IS AYEKA MASAKI JURAI...
...FIRST PRINCESS OF HER HOME PLANET, JURAI
ALTHOUGH SHE'S BEEN TEARFULLY REUNITED WITH HER MISSING FIANCÉ YOSHO,...
...SHE CAN'T HELP BUT OPEN HER HEART TO YOUNG TENCHI MASAKI, WHO'S RELATED TO THE JURAI ROYAL FAMILY!
LIKE ANY PRINCESS, SHE JUST HAS TO GET HER WAY.
WHAT'S WITH THIS NARRATION!? I DO NOT APPROVE!
AS YOU CAN SEE, RYOKO AND AYEKA CONSTANTLY BICKER, SQUABBLE, BRAWL, AND... WELL, YOU GET THE PICTURE!

SLAM
YOWCH!
I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY NOW... HEH HEH...
WSSH
OOH! SHE LOOKS SCARY...
NYAH, NYAH! CAN'T GET ME, DEMON!
CATCH ME IF YOU CAN!
FWSSH
YOU'RE THE DEMON, NOT ME!
FLSH
AUGH!
KRSH

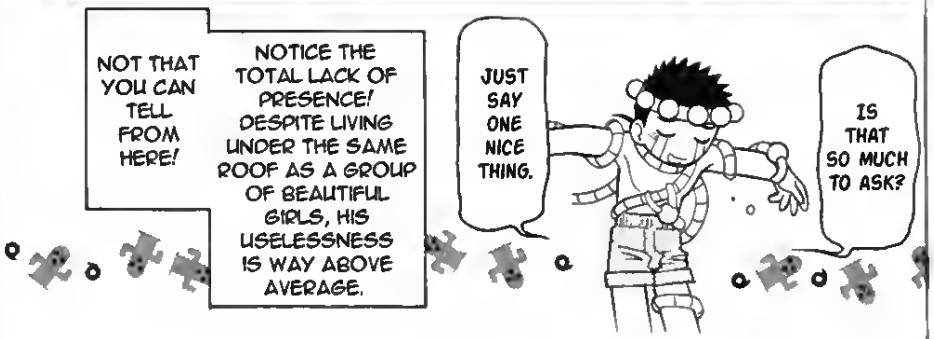
WAM
BAM
SLAM
AH!
EEK!
AIEEE!
OW OW OW OW OW...
THAT'S NO WAY FOR THE PRINCESS OF JURAI TO BEHAVE! I TELL YOU, I AM SHOCKED! SHOCKED!
BIP
WHA... SHUT UP, YOU!
BAP
UH, OH!
GWAM
TENCHI!
HEY... IS THIS...
TENCHI
AGE 3
...A PHOTO ALBUM OF TENCHI?!

HE'S SO TINY...!
OH!
TENCHI
AWW!
LI'L TENCHI WAS A TOTAL CUTIE, WASN'T HE?
DEEP
FSH
VWIP
FWIP
ZSH
SHOW IT TO ME NOW!
HO HO HO
NUH-UH! NO WAY!

TIME FOR SOME TEA!
ARE YOU READY FOR A LITTLE BREAK WASHU?
MMM, HOW NICE OF YOU!
BY THE WAY, DO YOU KNOW WHERE TENCHI'S GONE?
I CAN'T FIND HIM AT ALL.
.....
WELL, YOU CAME TO THE RIGHT PLACE!

MM!
HE'S RIGHT BEHIND YOU... LOOK.
H...
HI!
GAH!

KA
CHIK
TENCHI MASAKI, PRINCE OF THE JURAI ROYAL FAMILY!
JUST A BOY, YET THE HERO OF OUR TALE!
HIDDEN IN THAT STRINGY BODY ARE THE LIGHT HAWK WINGS - SAID TO BE THE GREATEST POWER IN THE GALAXY!


NOT THAT YOU CAN TELL FROM HERE!
NOTICE THE TOTAL LACK OF PRESENCE! DESPITE LIVING UNDER THE SAME ROOF AS A GROUP OF BEAUTIFUL GIRLS, HIS USELESSNESS IS WAY ABOVE AVERAGE.
JUST SAY ONE NICE THING.
IS THAT SO MUCH TO ASK?

HA, HA! THAT NARRATOR HAS GOT TENCHI PEGGED!
SLIP

SO WHAT KIND OF EXPERIMENT ARE YOU UP TO TODAY, WASHU?
SP
LSH

DON'T YOU EVER LOOK OUT?
HI, SASAMI! YOU'VE STOPPED BY, TOO?
YOUR FACE IS ALL RED.

MI... MIHOSHI, THERE YOU ARE...
SO... WHAT'S WITH THAT BOOK?
AH, YOU MEAN THIS?
I WAS CLEANING UP, AND I FOUND THIS BOOK I BORROWED FROM YOU LAST YEAR. I THOUGHT I'D RUSH RIGHT OVER TO YOUR LABORATORY AND RETURN IT!

FINE, BUT PLEASE DON'T TOUCH ANYTHING.

WASHU? MAYBE YOU SHOULD, UH, LET TENCHI GO?
DON'T WORRY! I WON'T MESS ANYTHING UP!

THIS YOUNG GIRL IS SASAMI MASAKI JURAI, AYEKA'S LITTLE SISTER AND THE SECOND PRINCESS OF JURAI.
THANKS TO HER HOUSE-KEEPING SKILLS, ALL THE READERS WANT TO MARRY HER... TOO BAD SHE'S EIGHT YEARS OLD
KA CHIK
THE GIRL WITH THE 108 ZIPATONE SKIN IS MIHOSHI KURAMITSU, A HIGH-RANKING DETECTIVE IN THE GALAXY POLICE

ASSIGNED TO PROTECT ALL OF OUTER SPACE, SHE'S KNOWN AS "THE MASTER OF ACCIDENTS" - BOTH FOR HER CLUMSINESS AND BECAUSE TROUBLE *ALWAYS* SEEMS TO FIND HER!
EEEEEE!
FIP
THAT'S ENOUGH OUT OF *YOU*, MR. NARR-ATOR!
FAP
SKR
ESH
EEEP!
ZZZ
ZZZ
ZZZ
ZZZ
ZZSH
ZOT
ZZAAP
UM!
HEH HEH HEH...

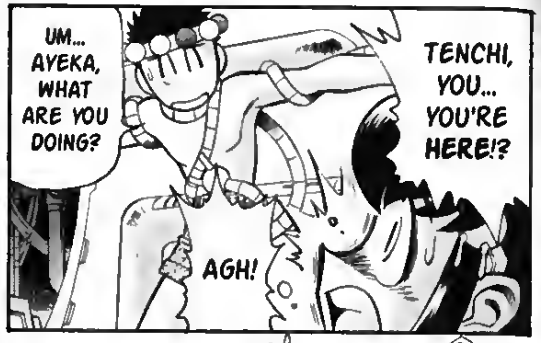
I SAID DON'T TOUCH IT!
ZOT
ZAAP
I'M SORRY! WAAAAH!
ZZZ
ZZZ
ZOT

AND THE RED-HEAD? WASHU HAKUBI
SHE MAY LOOK TWELVE YEARS OLD, BUT SHE'S 20,000!
KA
CHIK
WASHU IS THE GREATEST GENIUS IN THE *UNIVERSE*...

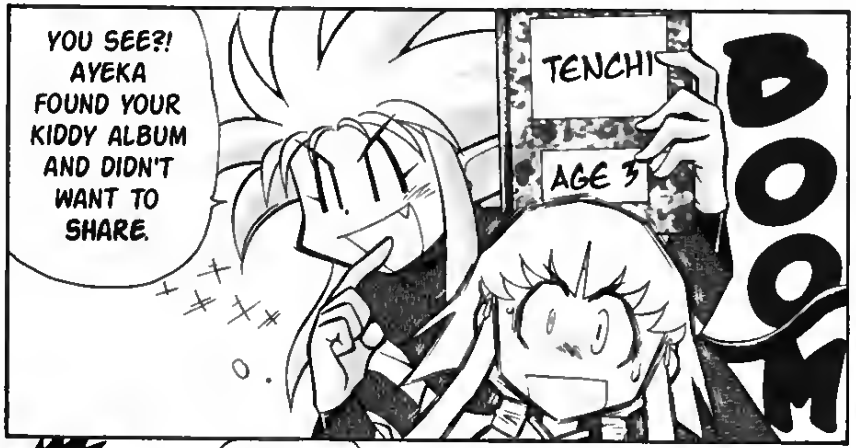
...CAPABLE OF GREAT INVENTIONS AND SCIENTIFIC FEATS - AT LEAST UNTIL ONE OF MIHOSHI'S "COINCIDENCES"!
OH, SHUT UP ALREADY!
ZWOOM

GIVE THAT BACK TO ME!
SSS
NO WAY. IT'S MINE NOW!

COME UP AND GET ME!
UZUH
STOP THAT! PLAY FAIR!


UM... AYEKA, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
AGH!
TENCHI, YOU... YOU'RE HERE!?

I CAN'T TELL HIM I LOOKED THROUGH HIS ALBUM WITHOUT ASKING!
EEK!
EEK!
AH! UH, I... WELL, UM...


YOU SEE?! AYEKA FOUND YOUR KIDDY ALBUM AND DIDN'T WANT TO SHARE.
TENCHI
AGE 3
BOOM

.....
WHY YOU LITTLE...! I HATE YOU, RYOKO!
HA, HA, HA, HA!

FWUD
WHAT? TENCHI'S ALBUM? FOR REAL? CAN I SEE?
YOU BET.
TENCHI
AGE 3
HERE YOU GO!

OH! LET ME LOOK, TOO!

SEE? WITH MUD ALL OVER!
HA, HA! HE LOOKS SO CUTE!

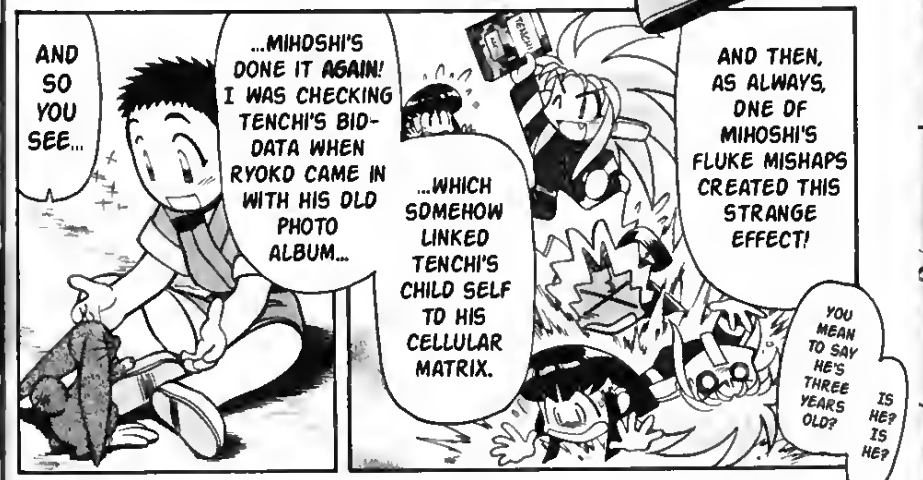
AH...
AAAAH...
ME SEE TOO

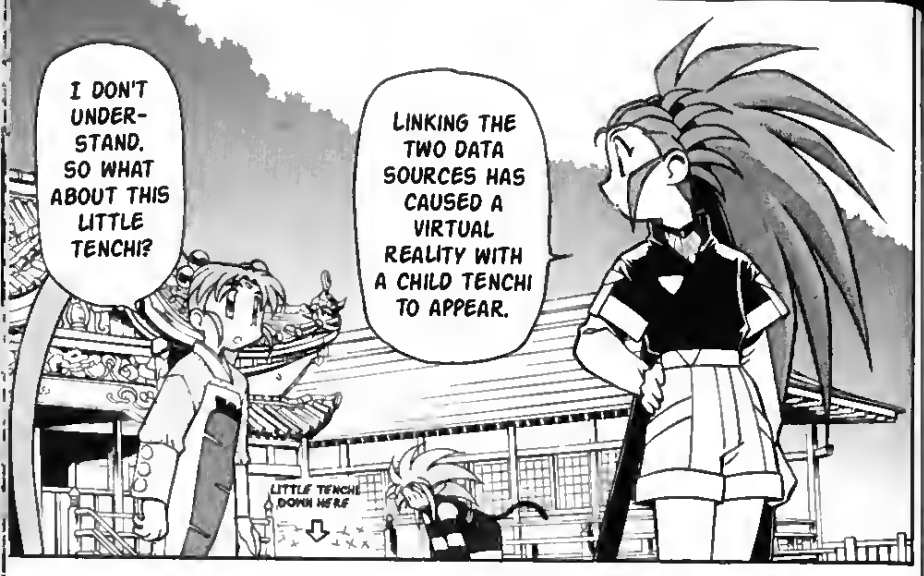
OH! WHAT A NICE LITTLE PEE-PEE!
IS IT MY TURN YET?
CAN I DIE NOW?
TENCHI

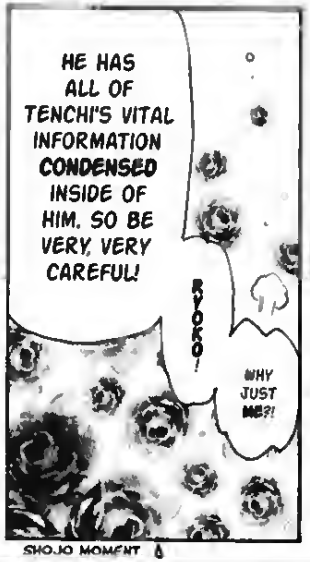
MIHOSHI!
DON'T YOU DARE MOVE IN HERE!
TWUP
HUH?
OH-
OH-
OH-
OH-
ME NOW.
OHH!!!
LOOK OUT!
TENCHI
Age 3
BAM
ZAP
ZZT
NOT
FWOOOOM

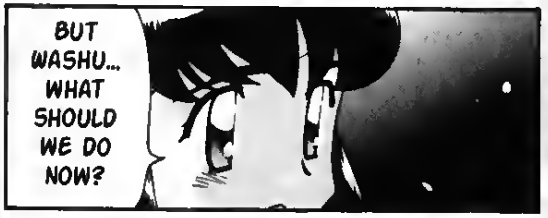
...
H... HOW DID WE...
...GET OUT-SIDE?
FW UMP
THE LAB! IT'S GONE!
WE'RE AT MASAKI SHRINE!
UH HUH...
TWIRL

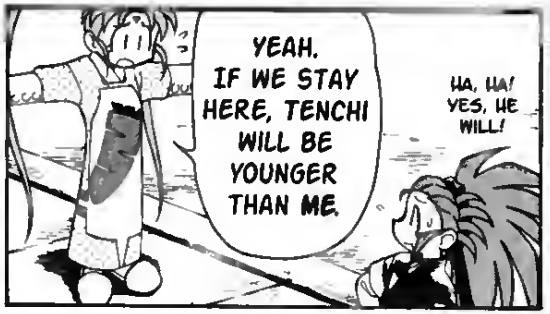
HUH!?
I'D KNOW TENCHI ANY-WHERE!
BUT HOW'D HE GET SO TINY?
tup tup tup
AH! STOP! DON'T RUN AWAY!


AND SO YOU SEE...
...MIHOSHI'S DONE IT AGAIN! I WAS CHECKING TENCHI'S BIO-DATA WHEN RYOKO CAME IN WITH HIS OLD PHOTO ALBUM...
...WHICH SOMEHOW LINKED TENCHI'S CHILD SELF TO HIS CELLULAR MATRIX.
AND THEN, AS ALWAYS, ONE OF MIHOSHI'S FLUKE MISHAPS CREATED THIS STRANGE EFFECT!
YOU MEAN TO SAY HE'S THREE YEARS OLD?
IS HE? IS HE?


I DON'T UNDERSTAND. SO WHAT ABOUT THIS LITTLE TENCHI?
LINKING THE TWO DATA SOURCES HAS CAUSED A VIRTUAL REALITY WITH A CHILD TENCHI TO APPEAR.
LITTLE TENCHI DOWN HERE







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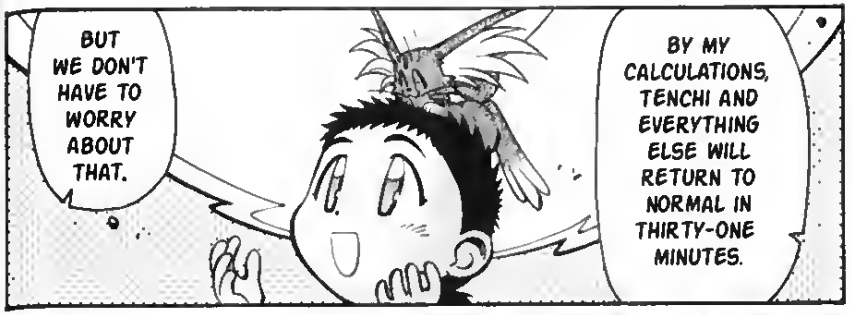
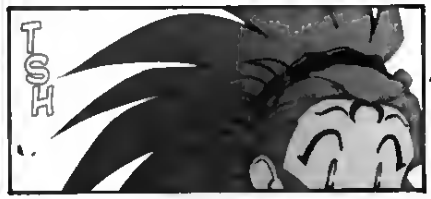
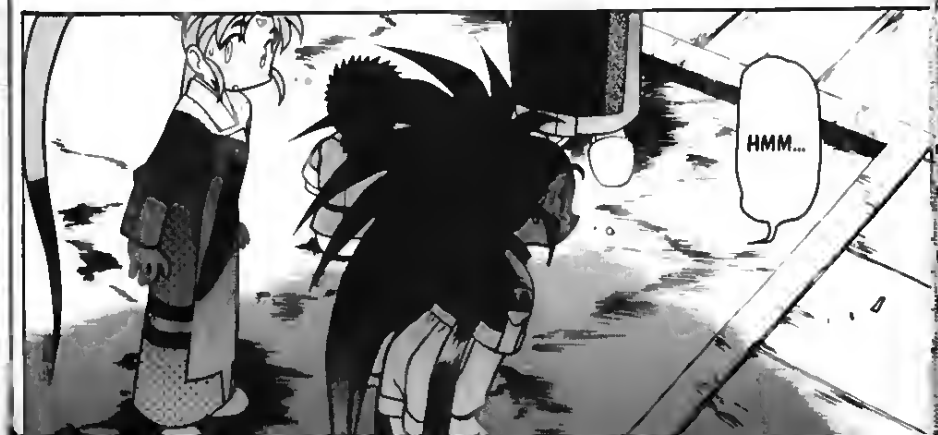

BUT WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT.
BY MY CALCULATIONS, TENCHI AND EVERYTHING ELSE WILL RETURN TO NORMAL IN THIRTY-ONE MINUTES.





GR OOOOR
GR
WAAAAAAH!
AAAAW
UH...
...IS THAT A DINO-SAUR?

PWIP
!?
PWIP
PWIP
PWIP
PWIP
PWIP
AS FISH
FLAT
TEN

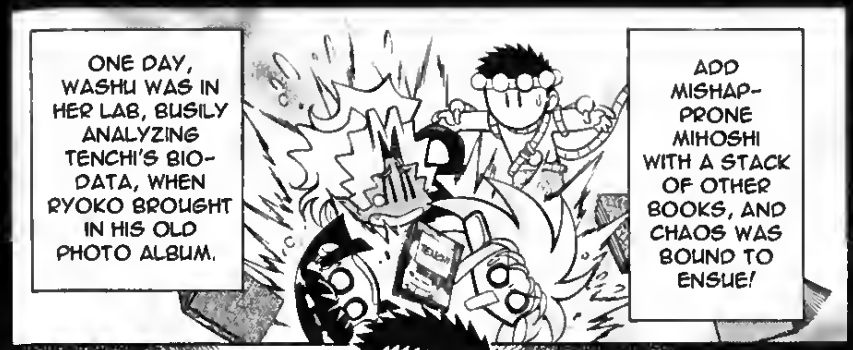
TENCHI!
HOW MANY WILL WE GET !?
AAAH!
TUP
TUP
DON'T JUST STAND THERE LOOKING SHOCKED!
TUP
RUN AND STOP THEM!
LITTLE TENCHIS ARE GETTING AWAY! AARGH!
TUP
OKAY, I GET IT!
G R O O W R
I FORGOT ABOUT THE DATA FROM THOSE BOOKS!
NEVER MIND THE WHY PART!
STRIKE BACK

WE...
OH, NO! NOW WHAT?
ZSH
ZSH
ZSH
AH:
UH-OH!
ZSH
ZSH
IT'S AN ATMOSPHERIC SPLIT OF SOME KIND!
WE HAVE TO STOP IT OR...
WE HAVE TO STOP IT OR...
OR WHAT, WASHU? OR WHAT?
WE HAVE TO STOP IT. OR TENCHI...
TWIP
TWIP
TWIP
TENCHI! DON'T YOU RUN OFF!

...OR TENCHI WON'T BE ABLE TO TURN BACK!
YEEEK!

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
AND SO IT SEEMS OUR HERO IS IN A REAL PINCH!
EEK!
EEK!
WE'VE GOT TO MERGE ALL THE TENCHIS BACK TO ONE!

I'M SORRY I INSULTED YOU, TENCHI MASAKI!
I DIDN'T MEAN IT!
COME BACK, TENCHI! YOU'RE NOT USE-LESS...
...AND WE REALLY DO NEED YOU!


ONE DAY, WASHU WAS IN HER LAB, BUSILY ANALYZING TENCHI'S BIO-DATA, WHEN RYOKO BROUGHT IN HIS OLD PHOTO ALBUM.
ADD MISHAP-PRONE MIHOSHI WITH A STACK OF OTHER BOOKS, AND CHAOS WAS BOUND TO ENSUE!

THE COLLIDING DATA SOURCES THREW THEM INTO A STRANGE NEW WORLD INHABITED BY A THREE-YEAR-OLD VERSION OF TENCHI AND...
GRROOWR
...A DINOSAUR FROM ONE OF MIHOSHI'S BOOKS! POOR LITTLE TENCHI WAS SO SCARED THAT HE SPLIT INTO FIVE PARTS.

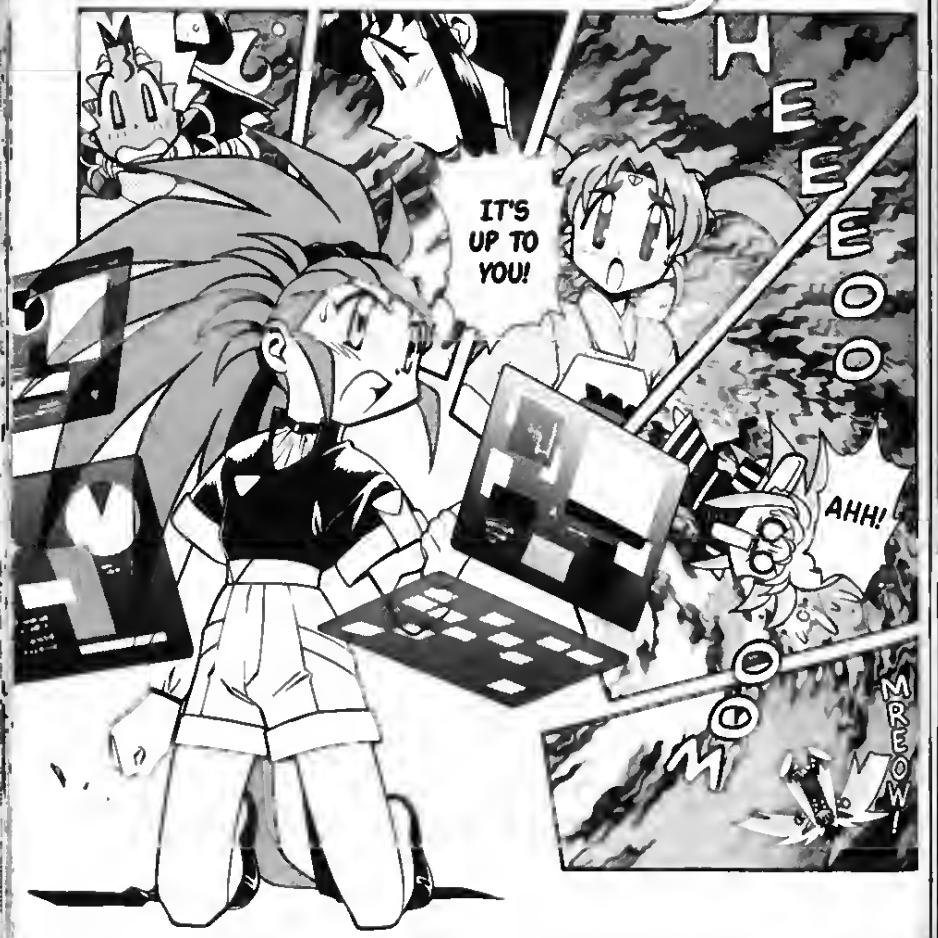
IF WE DON'T REJOIN THE TENCHIS IN TWENTY-NINE MINUTES, WE'LL BE DIVIDED HIS WHOLE LIFE!
THIS PLOT IS NUTS!
AH! DON'T RUN!
AND BECAUSE TENCHI SPLIT INTO FIVE, THE STRANGE PLACE THEY WERE IN ALSO SPLIT INTO FIVE! NOW WHAT!?

BOOM
!?
Chapter 4: Five Alive!
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
AH!
WHAT!?
SOME KIND OF AN EARTH-QUAKE!?

FROM BAD TO WORSE! LET'S EACH TAKE AN AREA AND FIND A TENCHI!
I'LL TRY TO FIX THE CLEFT IN SPACE!
I-IF YOU SAY SO!
AH! BUT WAIT!
KREK
CRK
SKRAK
SRK
MREOW!
PWUP
MYOW?
BUT WHO WILL GET THAT TENCHI?!
TUP TUP

RYO-OH-KI! DO YOUR DUTY AND RETRIEVE TENCHI!
FWISH
MREOW!
FWIP
POOF

KA CHIK
THIS GIRL'S NAME IS RYO-OH-KI. HER REAL FORM IS AN INTERSTELLAR SPACECRAFT, THOUGH SHE USUALLY OPTS FOR A MORE FELINE SHAPE
EVENTUALLY, SHE ALSO BECAME CAPABLE OF HUMANOID METAMORPHOSIS. SHE LOVES CARROTS! AND SHE LOVES TENCHI, TOO!


SHEEOO
IT'S UP TO YOU!
AHH!
MOO
MREOW!

RMB
RMB
HMMM... MUST BE THE WORLD FROM THAT DINOSAUR BOOK.
!?
PTERODACTYL PTERODACTYL
RMB
WHOA!
I CAN'T BELIEVE MIHOSHI DID IT TO US AGAIN!
THE WORLD OF DINOSAURS
UH-OH! I HAVE TO FIND TENCHI FAST!
TENCHI?
RRRMSH
BIRDS
AH !?

GRR!
RR!
TENCHI!
UNH...
GYAH!
GLAH!
ZZOLT
OH!
AH!
!
IS...
...IS THIS FOR REAL!?
ZZAP
WILD SCIENCE
...MM?
IT'S OKAY NOW, LITTLE BOY.
I TOOK CARE OF ALL THE BAD, BAD, BAD, BAD, BAD, BAD ALIENS.
TEE HEE! WHAT A CUTE LITTLE THING!
ARGH

.....
MREOW!
MRWEOW!?
WHOOOOO
SNOWY MOUNTAIN MONTHLY
KA
WAM
WHERE AM I!?
RED BLOOD CELL
WHITE BLOOD CELL
BLOOD PLATELET
HUMAN ANATOMY
HUH?
W... WHAT'S THIS?
OH, NO!
NOW WHAT?
INDOOR GAMES
THIS PLACE! WHAT CAN IT BE!?

SLAM
POW

PWUP
TENCHI!
I CAME TO HELP YOU!

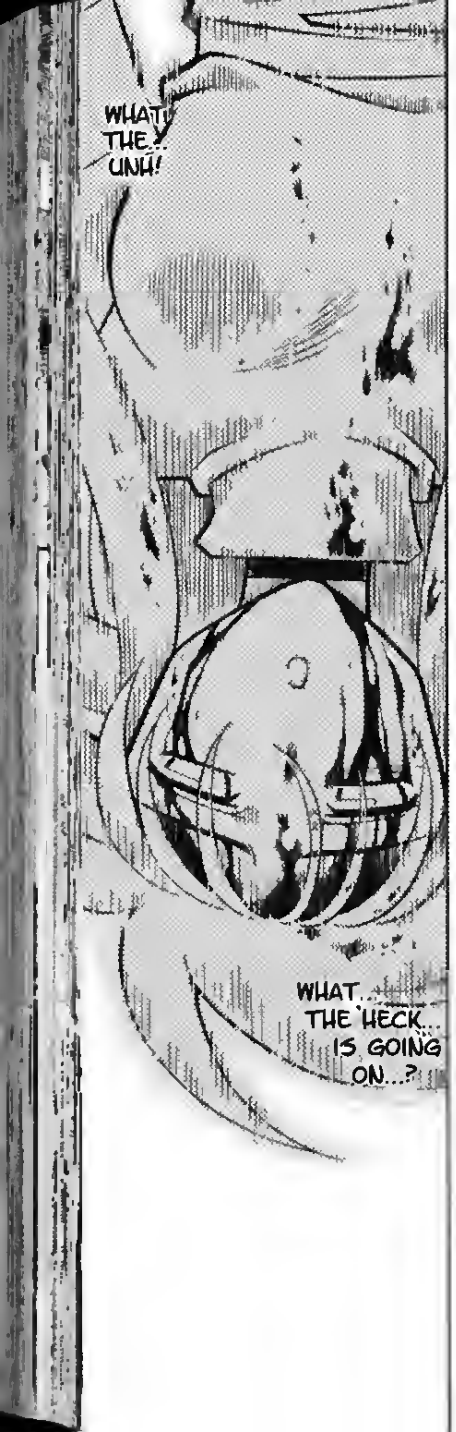
GRR
RRR

FS FS FS FS FS WSH
FSH
CAN ALL OF YOU HEAR ME?
WASHU?

BE CAREFUL. EACH OF THESE LITTLE TENCHIS IS A HIGHLY CONCEN-TRATED DATA PACKAGE.
IF ANYTHING AFFECTS HIM IN A STRONG WAY, IT COULD ALTER HIS PERSONALITY.

DON'T FOOL AROUND WITH HIM! GOT IT? RYOKO...
...THIS MEANS YOU!
SO YOU'RE ALL OF TENCHI, PAST AND FUTURE!
AND THAT MEANS... HEE, HEE!
JING!

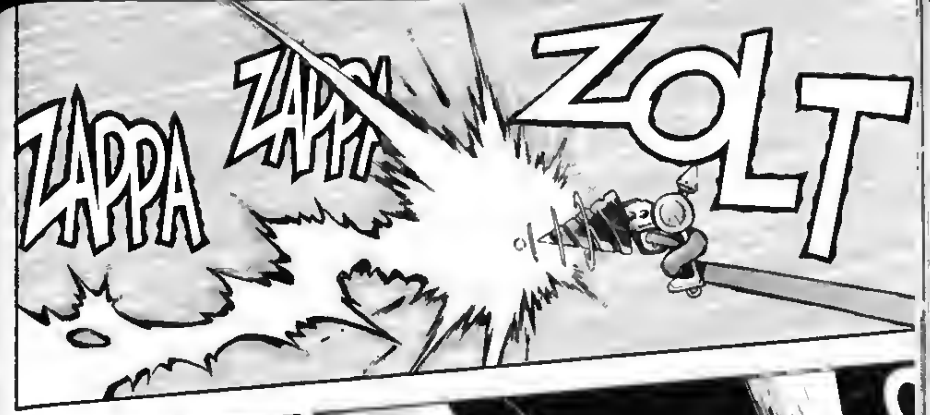
PHOP
HOW ABOUT THAT, TENCHI? RYOKO SAVED YOU! DID YOU SEE?
TIME TO TRAIN HIM!
YES!
YOU GET IT, HUH?
FWAM
. . o
HEY! WHAT'S WRONG NOW?
WAP
?
KIK
IT'S FINE!
HOLD STILL! BE GOOD!
KEE


WHAT?
THE..
UNH!
WHAT THE HECK... IS GOING ON...?

HEY, TENCHI'S GOING TO SUFFO-CATE!
UM... ARE YOU OKAY?

HAND HIM OVER!
FAP

THANKS. NO DANGER OF SUFFO-CATION IF HE'S WITH YOU!
GRR
JI
GA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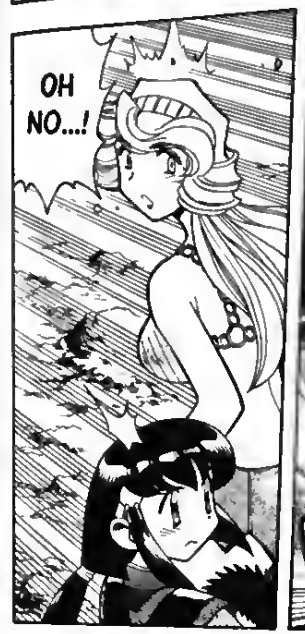
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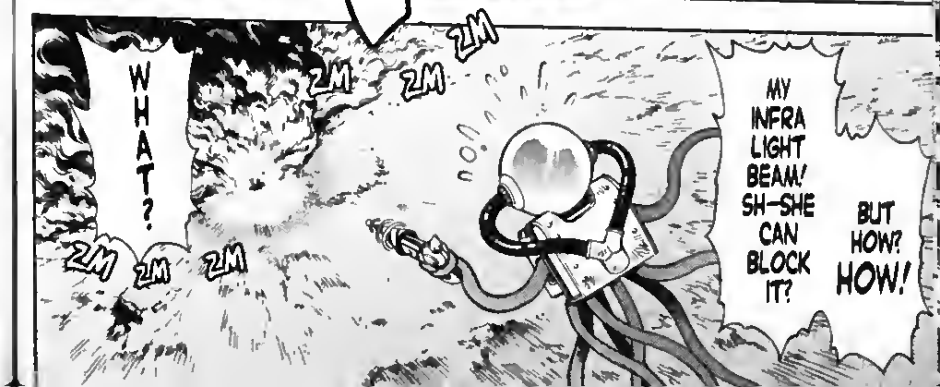
VW


WHAT?
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ZM
MY INFRA LIGHT BEAM! SH-SHE CAN BLOCK IT?
BUT HOW? HOW!

WHAT... WHAT'S GOING ON!?
HERE, WATCH HIM!
GIVING ALIENS A BAD NAME? I JUST WON'T HAVE IT!
BAM
BAM
HEAVEN MAY FORGIVE YOU - BUT I SURE WON'T!
HUH...?
...
!
TENCHI! HERE I COME!
GWM
YAY! MY OLDER BROTHER IS SAFE AND SOUND!
AH! EVEN IF...
HA, HA, HA!
...IT LOOKS LIKE I'M OLDER THAN YOU!

AAAHHH!
YAAAAAA!
I'VE GOT MY LI'L TENCHI, WASHU! NOW WHAT?
OKAY! NOW IT'S DOWN TO RYOKO!
HUH?
OH, NO! SHE'S...
AH...
WAH?...
KAWK!
WOW
TUMP TUMP TUMP TUMP
EEK!
YEEE!
SNIFF SNIFF
SMASH
MEOWW!!
FALLING DOMINOS
KER
PMP
MEOW ME MOW!

KRAWK!
ZOOM
FWIP
AHK!
AAAAWWWKKKKKK!

KA
WUMP
BOOM
BA
I'LL TURN YOU TO ASH!
AH!
!
KEE
!
TAKE THIS! I WON'T LET YOU HURT TENCHI!
SWASH
EEEE

TENCHI!
EL GOAT...
I...
I'VE GOT YOU.
AND NOW IT...
...WILL BE ALL RIGHT.

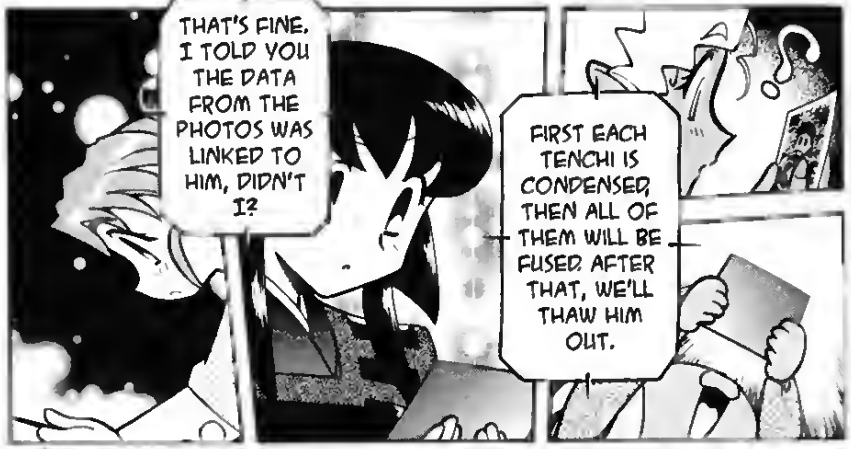
OH!
UH!
T...
TANK OO...
AHHHH
WHAT WOULD...
...WE DO WITHOUT YOU?

FWSH
YEP! ALL SET!
I'M DONE WITH THE PLANS!
NOW SPACE SHOULD PULL BACK TO NORMAL.
JUST ONE CLICK TO GO!
BEEP
BZZZZZZ
RMB
RMB
RMB
RMB

YOU REALLY ARE THE BEST, TENCHI!
HA HA HA HA HA
YOU ENDED UP SAVING ME.
HA, HA, HA....
Ha Ha
MM?
OH H H
WHAT COULD IT HURT...
...ONE TINY KISS...?

SWISH
!?
TRASH
FWA
WHA?!
WH... WH... WH...
...WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE NOW!?

YOU ALL DID A GOOD JOB!
EVERY-THING WILL BE BACK TO NORMAL SOON...
BUT WASHU...
..TENCHI TURNED INTO A PHOTO-GRAPH!


THAT'S FINE. I TOLD YOU THE DATA FROM THE PHOTOS WAS LINKED TO HIM, DIDN'T I?
FIRST EACH TENCHI IS CONDENSED, THEN ALL OF THEM WILL BE FUSED. AFTER THAT, WE'LL THAW HIM OUT.

SO GET THE DATA BACK HERE SAFELY!
YOU GOT IT?
DRAT!
YOU'RE SAYING THERE'S NO TIME LEFT, EH, WASHU?
I WAS SO CLOSE! SO VERY...
THAT'S RIGHT. THE SPACE RIFT IS CLOSING QUICKLY, SO HURRY BACK.

WHY ME? IT'S NOT FAIR!

3!
2!
!!
BLAM
ZERO!

IS HE...?!
TENCHI!
OH, MY.
EEP!
EEK!
YES, YES. THAT'S HOW HE WAS DRESSED BEFORE.

THANK YOU, EVERY-ONE.
THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME.
HUH?
YOU SEEM AWFUL QUIET, RYOKO.
I MAY NOT HAVE KISSED HIM, BUT I DID SAVE HIS LIFE...
TAKE A GOOD LOOK! FROM HERE ON OUT, TENCHI WILL ONLY FOCUS ON ME!
HEH HEH HEH
PIFF
YOU SAVED ME, RYOKO.
YES...
I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT YOU.
PWOOF
RYOKO?
YES, YES, YES!

THANKS! I WAS ABOUT TO GET EATEN! IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU...
YES!
OH, I JUST DID WHAT ANYONE WOULD DO...
YOU TOO, RYO-OH-KI!
MEOW!
WHAT!?
SILLY! YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE TENCHI HAS TO THANK THIS TIME.
PIP PC PC
BUT...
GYAH!
HEH THAT'S RIGHT...

TENCHI MAY NOT BE IN LOVE WITH ANYONE...
...BUT...
...THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT HE'S HEARTLESS.
AFTER ALL...
HE FILLS EACH OF US WITH A SPECIAL KIND OF LOVE.
AND RIGHT NOW... THAT'S ALL WE NEED!

YAAY!
BRING ON THE SNACKS, SASAM!!
COME ON OUT!
AHHH... AND FILL UP THE SAKE, TOO!
IT'S ALL GONE, JUST LIKE THAT?
OH! JUST ONE MORE SEC!
YOU TWO DRINK WAY TOO MUCH. I MEAN IT!
REMEMBER, WE'RE GUESTS HERE. THE LEAST WE CAN DO IS BEHAVE!
NOT GOOD!

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PLEASE!
THIS ISN'T GOOD FOR YOU!
SHE'S GOT A POINT, AYEKA. LISTEN TO HER FOR ONCE.
AND AYEKA – MUST YOU ALWAYS COMPETE WITH RYOKO!?
JUST HAVE A SIP OR TWO!
RYOKO CAN GET RID OF ALL THE ALCOHOL IN HER BODY – IN AN INSTANT!
IT'S NOT FAIR.
OH, MY!
TENCHI!
YOU... YOU'RE LOOKING OUT FOR ME, AREN'T YOU?
I'M SO HAPPY!

FAKER. YOU'RE JUST USING THIS SITUATION TO GET TO TENCHI, AREN'T YOU?

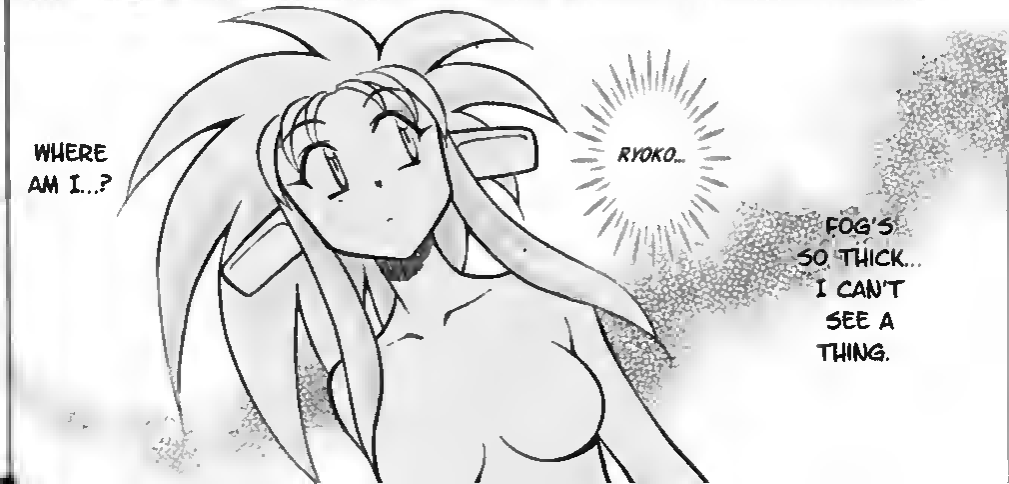
CUT IT OUT, RYOKO.
ARE YOU OKAY, AYEKA?
HEH!
GAAH!
DON'T YOU DARE KICK ME!
HOW CAN YOU KICK THE MOST PRECIOUS FIRST PRINCESS OF JURAI?

IF IT'S A DRINKING CONTEST YOU WANT, THEN YOU SHALL HAVE IT!
YEAH? FOUND SOME GUTS, EH?
I'LL BEAT YOU AT YOUR OWN GAME. THAT WILL BE TRUE VICTORY!
NO ONE CAN STOP THEM NOW

WOO
WOO
WOO

ZZZRF

...UH...
...UNH...
HUH...?

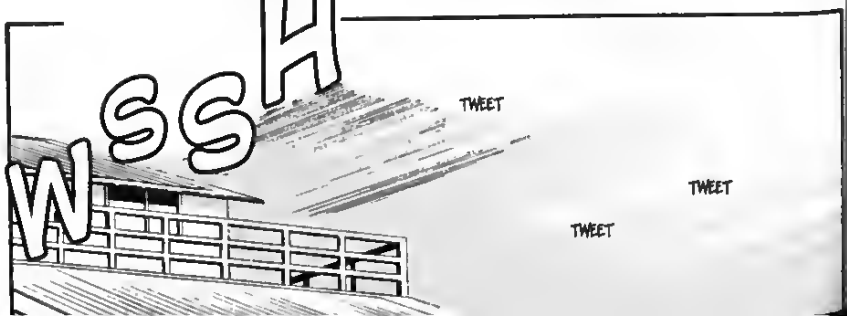

WHERE AM I...?
RYOKO...
FOG'S SO THICK... I CAN'T SEE A THING.

WAP!
I MUST BE DREAMING!
HELLO THERE.
HA!
WELL, THEN...
...BRING ON THE SAKE!
HEY!
WHO'S THE HAIRY GUY?
I'M NOT HAIRY!
*SAKE LOVER.
IS THAT ALL YOU THINK ABOUT?
YOU TAKE SAKE FAR TOO LIGHTLY!
A REAL BOOZE HOUND* SAYS, "GO AHEAD, DRINK AT YOUR OWN PACE."
THE SAKE SAGE

I'LL LEAVE YOU WITH THESE WORDS!
FWSH
FORCING ANOTHER TO DRINK IS A FORM OF VIOLENCE!
DO YOU THINK SO?
FWAK
YOU... YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS!
POOM
POOM
FIRST TO ATTACK WINS!

I'D HOPED TO MAKE YOU THINK ABOUT YOUR ACTIONS... FOR SASAMI'S SAKE...
HMPH!
...BUT YOU'VE LEFT ME NO CHOICE!
NOW I CURSE YOU!
GYAAAAAAH!

EE EE EE EE EEE!


WSSH
TWEET
TWEET
TWEET

UNHH?
THUB
THUB
THUB
THUB
...
OUCH.
WHAT A WEIRD DREAM THAT WAS...

.....
THUB
THUB
UNNH... OW... HUH?

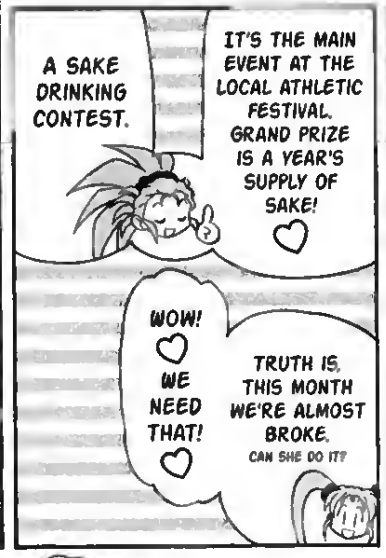
THUB
THUB
THUB
THUB
?
THUB
THU

A HANG-OVER?
HOW VERY OOO! THAT SHOULDN'T HAPPEN TO YOU...
UNH.
THB
THB
NEVER HAD ONE... BUT THIS MUST BE IT...
WHAT A LIGHT-WEIGHT! YOU DION'T EVEN ORINK THAT MUCH.
HO HO HO HO
LIKE YOU'RE ONE TO TALK! LOOK AT YOU!
HMPH!
YOU JUST CAN'T STAND THE THOUGHT OF LOSING...
THB THB THB
HA, HA, HA...
THUB
THUB

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! MY DREAM... COMING TRUE?
THUB
THUB
HMM?
WHAT KIND OF DREAM?
WELL, IT WAS LIKE THIS...
.....
HA!
THE SAKE SAGE !?
IT'S NOT FUNNY...
CAN'T MOVE... FEEL SICK...
OWW! OKAY, OKAY.
OUCH... SHE'S SO TESTY!

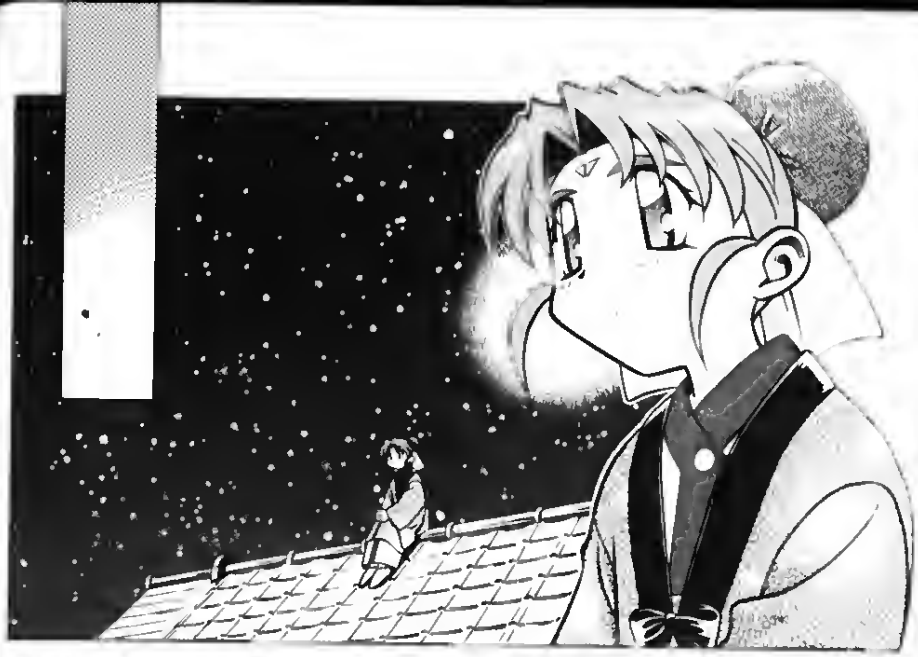
THIS IS BAD NEWS FOR YOU.
YOU'RE IN THE "ALCOHOL TIGER" TOMORROW, AREN'T YOU?
THB
TUB
HAH! I'LL BE FINE BY THEN! NO BIG...

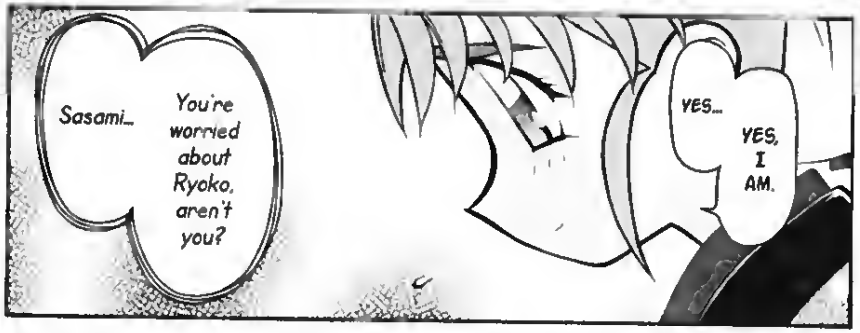
HUH?
WHAT IS THIS "ALCOHOL TIGER"?


A SAKE DRINKING CONTEST.
IT'S THE MAIN EVENT AT THE LOCAL ATHLETIC FESTIVAL. GRAND PRIZE IS A YEAR'S SUPPLY OF SAKE!
WOW! WE NEED THAT!
TRUTH IS, THIS MONTH WE'RE ALMOST BROKE.
CAN SHE DO IT?

BUT NO...
...NOT IN THIS STATE, SHE CAN'T...

YES I CAN! A WOMAN'S WORD IS HER HONOR! I HAVE TO!
WAH!
YES! GO FOR IT!
IT MAY ONLY AMOUNT TO A ONE-MONTH SUPPLY, BUT IT'LL STILL HELP OUR CASH FLOW!
SHE DRINKS THAT MUCH?
LEAVE IT TO ME!
THB
YEAH!

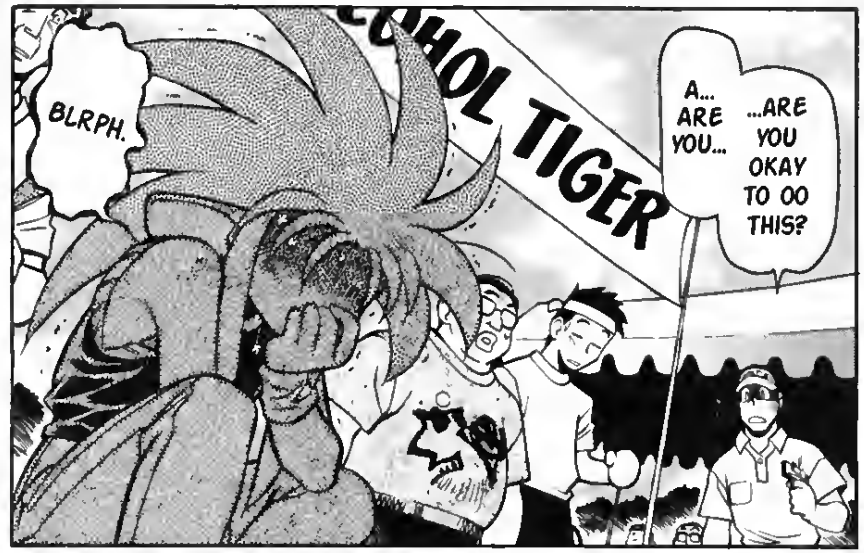



Sasami... You're worried about Ryoko, aren't you?
YES... YES, I AM.

I CAN SEE RIGHT THROUGH HER. RYOKO SAYS IT'S ABOUT HER HONOR AS A WOMAN...
...BUT SHE'S REALLY JUST DOING HER BEST TO HELP OUT WITH EXPENSES.
Oh, Sasami...
IT WOULD HELP OUR EXPENSES MORE IF SHE DIDN'T DRINK AT ALL. BUT...

...I DON'T WANT TO TAKE AWAY THE SAKE THAT RYOKO LOVES SO MUCH...
...EVEN IF IT'S BAD FOR HER.
TSUNAMI
SHE IS JURAI'S TREE OF BEGINNINGS, THE FIRST AND MOST POWERFUL TREE IN THE UNIVERSE! CAPABLE OF ALL THINGS, SHE IS SASAMI'S PROTECTRESS.
SASAMI!...
NOT EVEN WASHU COULD HELP RYOKO!
I CAN ONLY PRAY THAT RYOKO IS BACK TO HER OLD SELF...
...WHEN DAWN COMES AT LAST...
BZZZ
BZZZ
BZZ
BZZZ
CONTEST

POP!
KA POW
BZZZ
BZZZ
BZZZ
BZZZ
HERE I AM!
HEY, YOU MADE IT!
YAY! YOU HAVE THE FOOD!
YOU GOT US A NICE SPOT.
HEY! WHERE'S RYOKO?
SHE'S OVER THAT WAY...
...AT THE START OF THE RACE!


BLRPH.
A... ARE YOU...
...ARE YOU OKAY TO DO THIS?

I... I'M... I'M F-FINE...
AH...
IF YOU SAY SO! OKAY, THEN...

SHE'S JUST AS SICK AS EVER.
HOPE SHE'LL BE OKAY...
GO FOR IT, RYOKO!
NO CLUE!

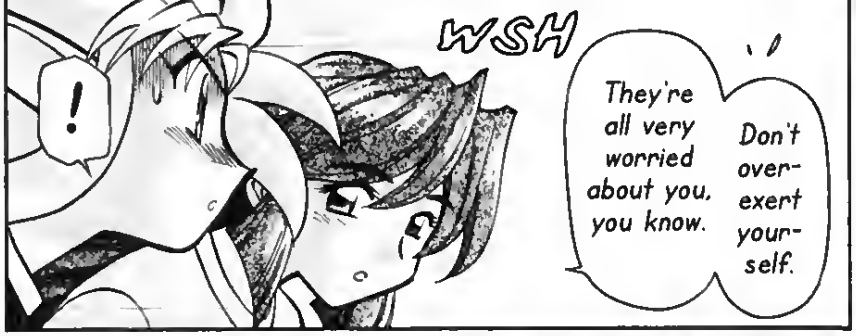
OKAY! ON YOUR MARKS...
...GET SET...

GO!
YAAH!
GLAH!
I'M GOING TO WIN IF IT KILLS ME!
TMP
TMP
TMP
REMEMBER! NO HANDS IN THE "HANGING SAKE EVENT!"
YEEK
GLUG
SLURSH
GLURG
AMAZING! SHE'S GOING FOR TWO BOTTLES AT ONCE!
SICK, BUT WOW!

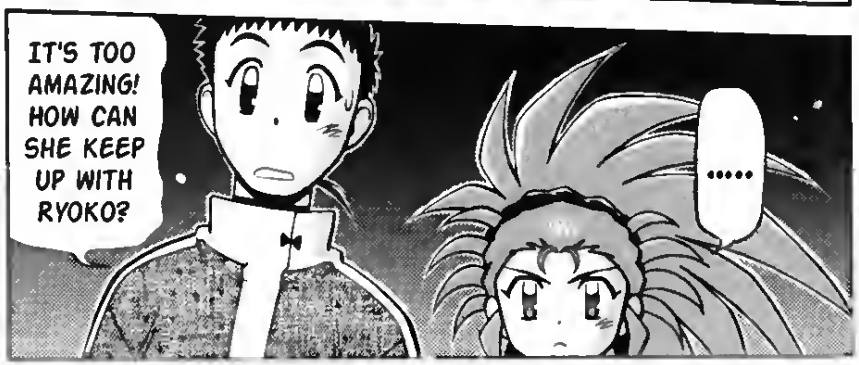
BUT... ISN'T SHE SICK...?
PROS RELY ON GOOD FORM!
THE FIRST STOP IS OVER,
...AND THE NEXT EVENT IS THE SAKE BARREL ROLLING COMPETITION!
THE TIGERS ARE STILL SOBER,
...BUT WHAT'S UP WITH RYOKO FROM THE MASAKI FAMILY?
GURP...
HAS THE ODDS-ON FAVORITE FALLEN ALREADY?

WHA...
WHAT'D YOU SAY?

I WON'T LOSE!
TUP
TUP
TUP
TUP
TUP
AWESOME! SHE'S ACTUALLY RIDING ON THE BARREL!
LISH


!
WSH
They're all very worried about you, you know.
Don't over-exert yourself.

WHO THE HECK ARE YOU!?
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
Oh, me?
Just another contest-ant!
It's like a Chinese Acrobat battle!
Our anonymous newcomer is on top of it!


IT'S TOO AMAZING! HOW CAN SHE KEEP UP WITH RYOKO?
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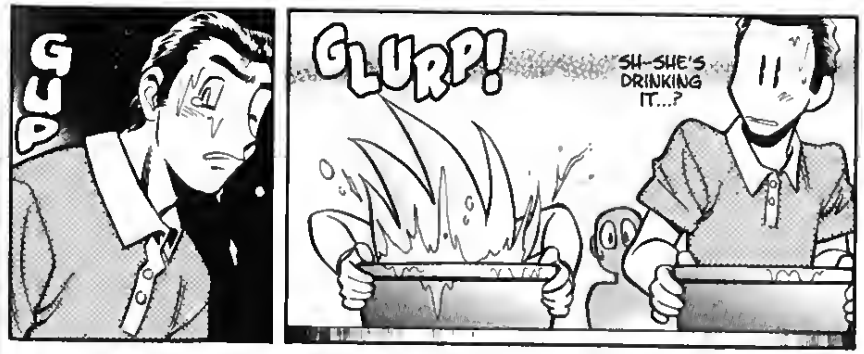
SPA
LASH
Now for a tough one, bobbing for candy! They have to find candies in a tub full of sake!
SDSH
PLSH
AGH, MY EYES! IT BURNS MY EYES!
Since the candies sink to the bottom, a full dunk is required!

YEEK... LOOKS PRETTY PAINFUL...
WHO THINKS UP THESE THINGS?


GUP
GLURP!
SH-SHE'S DRINKING IT...?

CONTESTANT RYOKO DRANK HER WAY TO THE BOTTOM!
HOW 'BOUT THAT?
AH-
AH-!!!
HUH?
WHAA!?
TMP
TMP
CUT IT OUT, NOW!
VWOOOSH
WOW! RYOKO'S PULLING AHEAD!
THE CONTEST IS DOWN TO JUST THESE TWO!
Why are you going so far? I told you to give up.
Do you want sake that much?
WOULD I GO THIS FAR IF I WERE ONLY DOING THIS FOR MYSELF?
IT'S ALMOST LIKE MAGIC! HER FACE AND HAIR AREN'T EVEN WET!
LA, LA!
YES, OUR ANONYMOUS CONTESTANT IS ALREADY MOVING FORWARD!
DID SHE CHEAT?
SHE DUNKED HER HEAD!
I HAD MY EYE ON HER!
....

NOW FOR THE GRAND FINALE! AND IT'S TOUGH!
WE CALL IT "FLIP A CARD AND TAKE ANOTHER DRINK!"
THEY'LL TURN OVER THEIR CARDS, AND DRINK ACCORDINGLY. FIRST TO FINISH WINS!
DRINK BOTTLE NUMBER FIVE? BIG DEAL!
TA-
DAH!
5
chmp
mnch
Umm... does this seem like a good idea?
← PICKLE
HA... HA HA HA HA HA...
WAIT! THE OTHERS HAVE CAUGHT UP AT LAST!
THEY SEEM HALF DEAD
GAH...
RRR...
EEK!
5

THAT'S ENOUGH, RYOKO! DON'T BE LIKE THEM!
DON'T DO IT!
JUST CALL IT QUITS, RYOKO!
YAAAH!
OOP!
SPLOOSH
CONTESTANT RYOKO HAS JUMPED INSIDE THE HUGE SAKE BOTTLE!
IT WAS PREPARED AS A JOKE, ALTHOUGH IT'S FULL OF REAL SAKE.
GULP
GULP
NO.. SHE CAN'T! ..U
...AND YET SHE IS...
YES! SHE'S GOING TO DRINK IT DOWN!
NO! NOT ALL OF IT!?
GULP
GULP
GULP
RYOKO
KRAK
5
SKU
FRESH
AAAH
5
Y-YES, SHE DRANK ALL OF IT.
HEH... HEH HEH...
I DID IT...
THE BOTTLE'S PRACTICALLY EMPTY. HARD TO BELIEVE A HUMAN IS EVEN CAPABLE OF THAT!

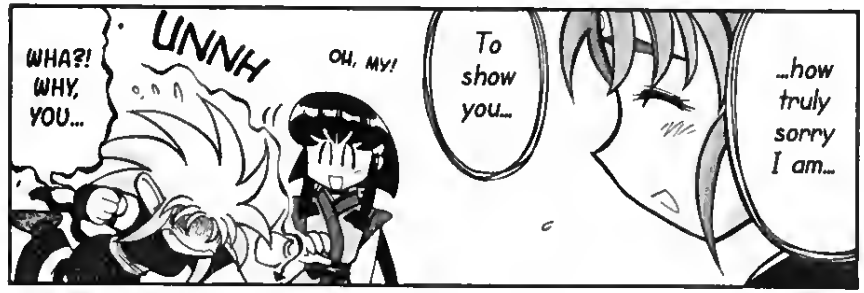
WHAT A DEEPLY MOVING MOMENT OF VICTORY!
THE CHAMPION'S COURAGE IS REWARDED BY THUNDEROUS APPLAUSE.
TNKA
TNKA
TK
TIK
CLP
CLP
HA
HA
I... I DID IT...
...YEAH...
FWUMP
EEE!
THUB
UNH
THUB
WILL SHE BE OKAY?
SHE'S GOT A HANGOVER FAR WORSE THAN ANY HUMAN COULD EVEN IMAGINE.

SASAMI, YOU LOOK NERVOUS. WHAT IS IT?
UH UM
IT'S JUST THAT I...
...UH, YOU SEE...
FSH
HI, ALL!
IT'S THAT WIZARD CREEP!
BUT I...
THAT'S KIND OF RUDE!
BUT I DO OWE YOU AN APOLOGY, RYOKO...
WOOOOOOOM

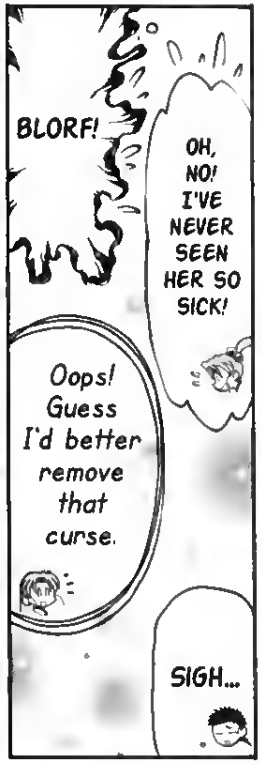
IT'S YOU, TSUNAMI!? YOU MEAN, ALL THIS TIME...
I noticed Sasami always struggles with the finances, and I felt bad, so ...
BUT WHY?
SO YOU THOUGHT YOU'D TEACH RYOKO A LESSON.
I'm sorry. It seems I went too far.
I'd hoped, at the very least, to win the contest.
?!
YOU MEAN THAT GIRL WAS YOU!?

But... I do feel a little bit better.
THEO
THEO
She's normally such a sloppy drunken savage...
...but now I realize she was thinking about Sasami and the rest of you...

Y-YOU IDIOT! DON'T TELL THEM THAT!
BLUSH
HO HO HO HO
SUCH A SHY GIRL!
NOT USED TO HEARING COMPLI-MENTS, ARE WE?


WHA?! WHY, YOU...
UNNH
OH, MY!
To show you...
...how truly sorry I am...

...I cleaned all of the sake barrels that you won, and gave you ten times as much sake.
FOOM!
This should help your finances a little.

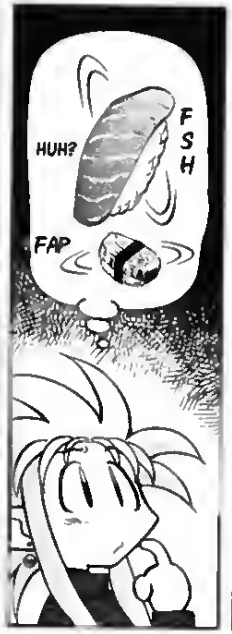


THE FOLLOWING DAY.

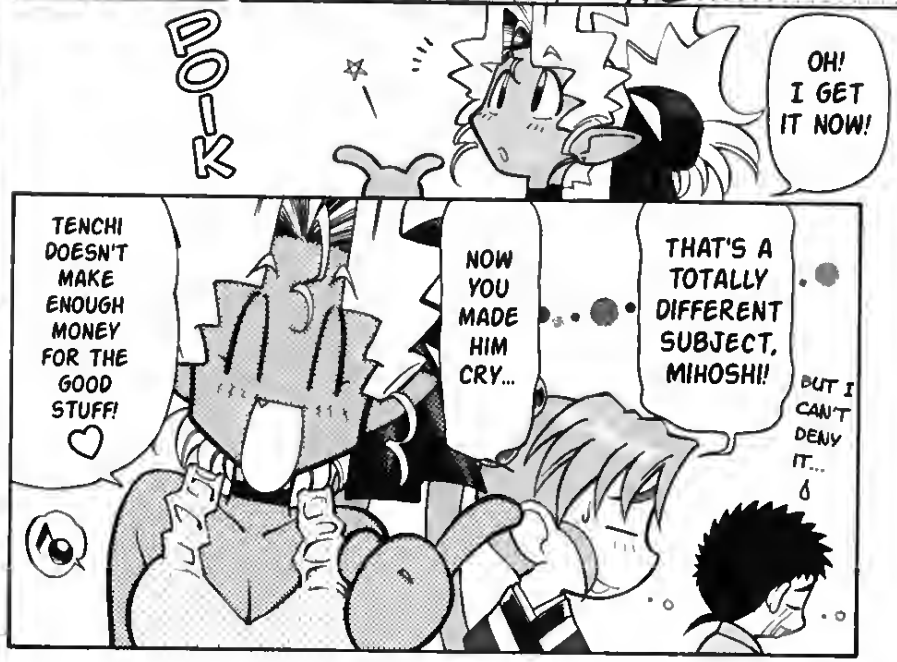
Chapter 6: Sushi Revolution

PROLOGUE: INVITATION TO PARADISE

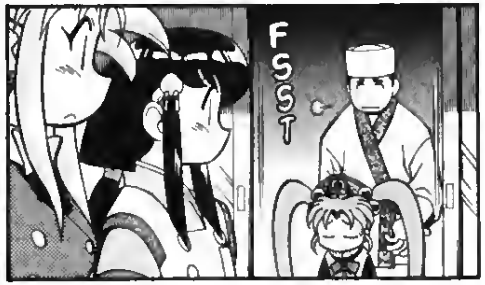
HEY! TENCHI COULD TAKE US OUT FOR SUSHI!
IT'S A FUN IDEA...
...BUT IT CAN COST A LOT!
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH MONEY... SO WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SETTLE FOR "REVOLVING SUSHI"!



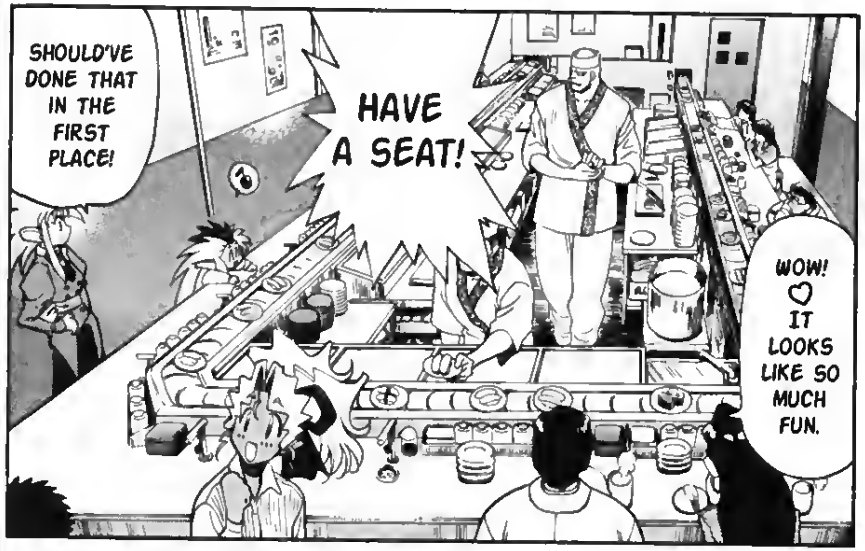
REVOLVING
NO! THE SUSHI GOES AROUND ON A CONVEYOR BELT, AND YOU JUST REACH FOR THE ONES YOU WANT.
IT'S EASY ON THE WALLET, LIKE SUSHI ON A BUDGET!
MMM!
SUSHI


POK
OH! I GET IT NOW!
TENCHI DOESN'T MAKE ENOUGH MONEY FOR THE GOOD STUFF!
NOW YOU MADE HIM CRY...
THAT'S A TOTALLY DIFFERENT SUBJECT, MIHOSHI!
BUT I CAN'T DENY IT...

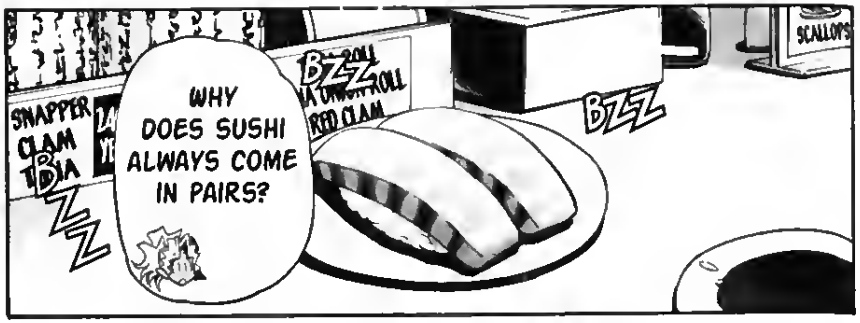
ACT 1: THE GATEWAY TO HELL?



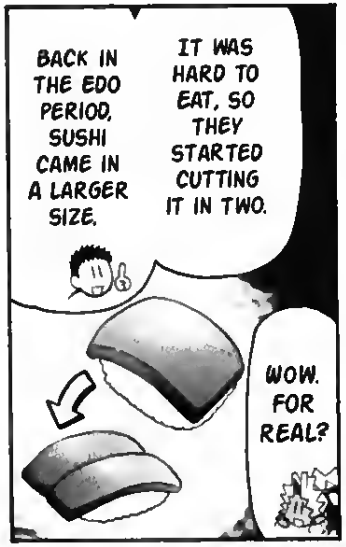
WHY NOT!? RYO-OH-KI IS PART OF OUR FAMILY!
IT'S MY FAULT. I'M THE ONE WHO FORGOT.
SORRY, BUT IT'S NOT FAIR TO OUR OTHER DINERS TO HAVE ANIMALS.
NO PETS IN HERE.
EXIT

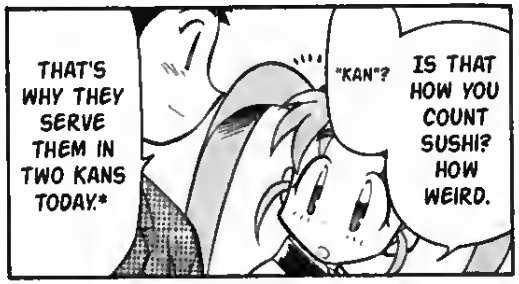


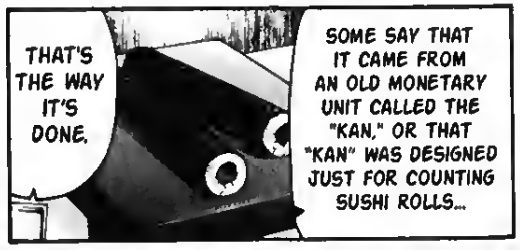
HEY, TENCHI! DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH MONEY?
THANKS FOR ASKING, BUT DON'T WORRY... MY DAD LOANED ME SOME.
WE TAKE WHATEVER WE THINK LOOKS GOOD, RIGHT?
YES! THEY HAVE SAKE, TOO!



ACT 2: THE KING OF KNOWLEDGE





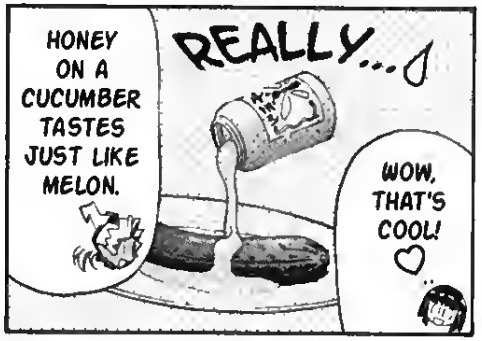

THAT'S THE WAY IT'S DONE.
SOME SAY THAT IT CAME FROM AN OLD MONETARY UNIT CALLED THE "KAN," OR THAT "KAN" WAS DESIGNED JUST FOR COUNTING SUSHI ROLLS...

...BUT NO ONE REALLY KNOWS! IT'S A MYSTERY TO THIS DAY.
WOW! YOU'RE SMART, TENCHI!
THEY'VE GOT A FORM FOR COUNTING FIGHTS, TOO! ONE PUNCH! TWO PUNCH!**
SIGH...

*JAPANESE NUMBERS HAVE DIFFERENT FORMS FOR COUNTING DIFFERENT TYPES OF OBJECTS. FOR UNKNOWN REASONS, THE "KAN" FORM IS USED ONLY FOR COUNTING SUSHI!

**MIHOSHI IS THINKING OF A TV COMMERCIAL FOR THE ENERGY DRINK LIPOVITAMIN A, IN WHICH A MAN YELLS, "FIGHT! ONE PUNCH!"

ACT 3: TASTE TREATS!



AND PARFAIT ...

FWSH

BLIP

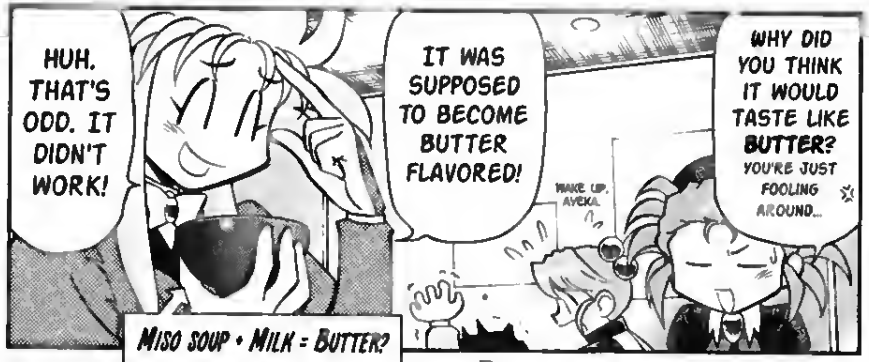
A VERY UGLY SCENE ENSUES. I APOLOGIZE. PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT.

I JUST HAVE TO KNOW... HOW WAS IT?
DON'T TOUCH IT! IT'S EVIL!
IT... IT SMELLS LIKE PUDDING... BUT AS SOON AS YOU PUT IT IN YOUR MOUTH, YOU GET THE SALTY FLAVOR OF THE SOY SAUCE... AND... AFTER THAT... COMES... THE SWEETNESS.

BLIP

AGAIN, SO SORRY...

PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT.


HUH. THAT'S ODD. IT DIDN'T WORK!
IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BECOME BUTTER FLAVORED!
WHY DID YOU THINK IT WOULD TASTE LIKE BUTTER? YOU'RE JUST FOOLING AROUND...
WAKE UP, AYEKA.

MISO SOUP + MILK = BUTTER?

PLEASE DON'T DESTROY ANYTHING! JUST DON'T DESTROY ANYTHING.
D-DON'T WORRY YOUR LITTLE HEAD OVER IT.

WNK

RYOKO, HERE'S A THANK-YOU GIFT.
BANANA WITH MAYO TASTES LIKE A MELON...
DOES IT REALLY? HUH!
SPLURP

MMM! HOW DELISH!
HUH!?
NO WAY!

HERE! TRY THIS, TOO!
SQUID SASHIMI MIXED WITH POCARI SWEAT BECOMES COCONUT JELLO!

OH, NOW THAT IS TASTY!
THIS ONE'S GOOD, TOO.
NO... NO WAY...

MPMF
CHMP
DID THEY WORK OUT SO WELL!?

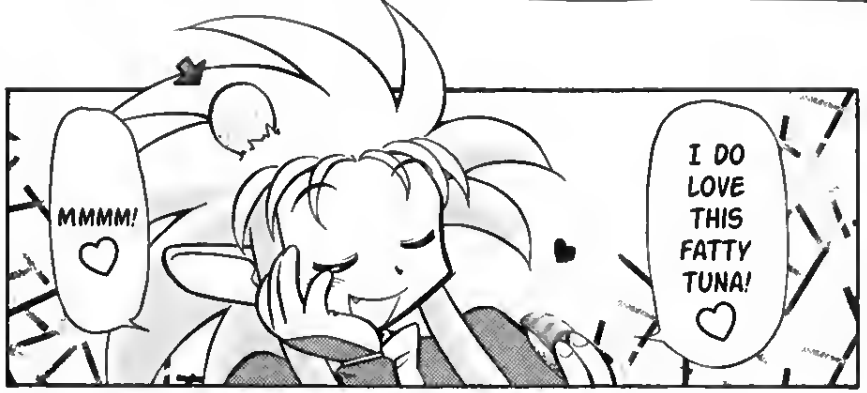
AAAAAGH!
GUESS SHE FORGOT EPISODE SEVEN OF THE OAV! RYOKO HAS NO SENSE OF TASTE...

ALL RIGHT! I'M LOVIN' THIS!
RAW EGG, SUSHI RICE, AND COLA!
SPLD
SPLD
STIR IT UP! STIR IT UP!
YES! COLA RICE BOWL!
FZZ
FZZ
FZZ
FZZ
FZZ
UM... THE RICE IS BUBBLY.
HEH HEH HEH
EEP!
NOW WHO...?
YOU! OKAY, EAT IT ALL UP!
THAT'S A DEADLY WEAPON! NO!
YOU'LL LOVE IT! MAYBE!

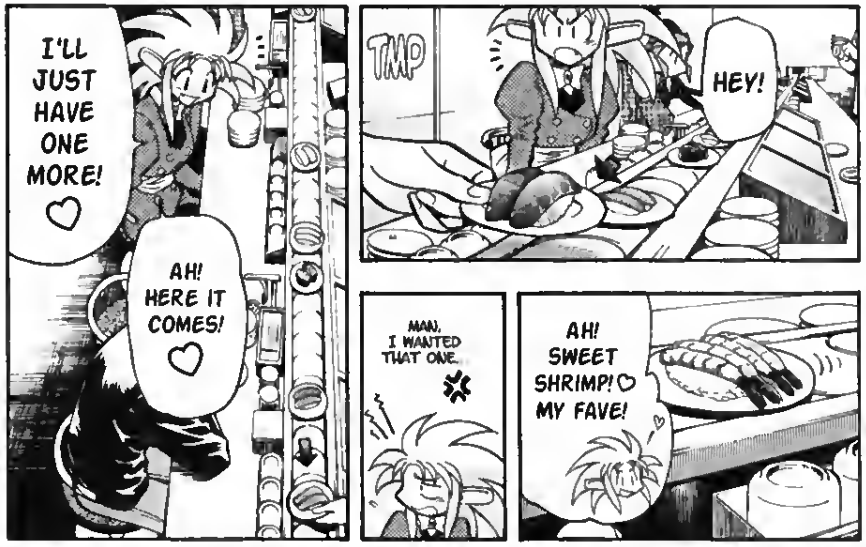
IDIOT!

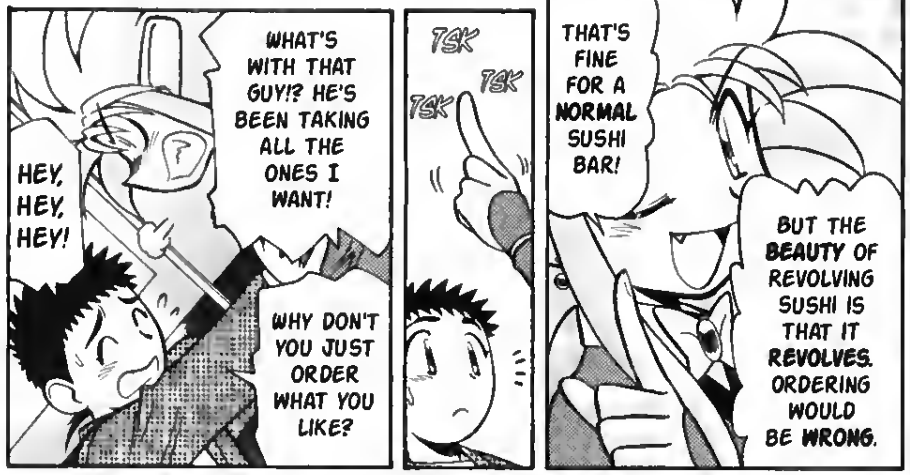
SO WHAT?! THINK ABOUT IT. WHY DO PEOPLE CONTINUE TO EAT BLOWFISH, EVEN THOUGH IT'S POISONOUS?
BLOWFISH (LAGOCEPHALUS LAGOCEPHALUS WHEELERI)
WHY, OUR ANCESTORS RISKED THEIR VERY LIVES EATING THINGS THAT THEY KNEW DARN WELL WERE POISONOUS!
HAVE FAITH THAT IT'S SAFE, AND YOU'LL BE OKAY!
UH... MAYBE SHE'S RIGHT ABOUT ALL THIS...
DON'T LET THE DEVIL GET TO YOU!

NEXT WE'LL MIX SEA URCHIN AND FERMENTED SOYBEANS WITH ICE CREAM.
RMD
RMD
RMD
MI... HO... SHI! COME HERE...



ACT 4: THE KING APPEARS

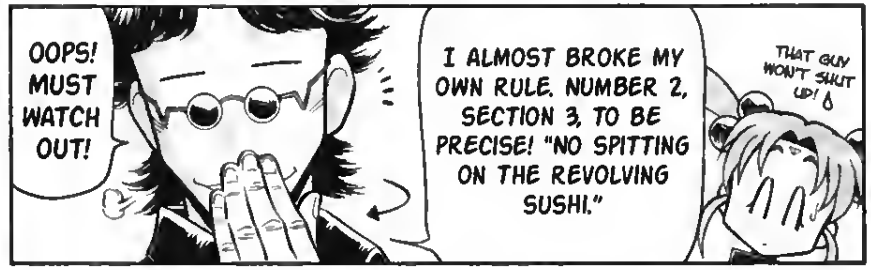



HEY, HEY, HEY!
WHAT'S WITH THAT GUY!? HE'S BEEN TAKING ALL THE ONES I WANT!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST ORDER WHAT YOU LIKE?
TSK
TSK
TSK
THAT'S FINE FOR A NORMAL SUSHI BAR!
BUT THE BEAUTY OF REVOLVING SUSHI IS THAT IT REVOLVES. ORDERING WOULD BE WRONG.

THE FRAGILE INGREDIENTS START TO DETERIORATE THE MOMENT THE SUSHI IS MADE.
THE SUSHI YOU JUST TOOK HAS ALREADY GONE AROUND ONCE.
THAT SUSHI IS DEAD BY NOW.
FSH
THAT MAN! COULD HE BE...
AHHH!
THE LEGENDARY WARRIOR OF REVOLVING SUSHI!
2000 FIGHTS AND NO LOSSES!
THEY CALL HIM... THE KING!
SO YOU TOOK MY SUSHI ON PURPOSE!?
YOU KNOW THIS MEANS WAR!
mnch
mnch
....
TEACH! KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN...

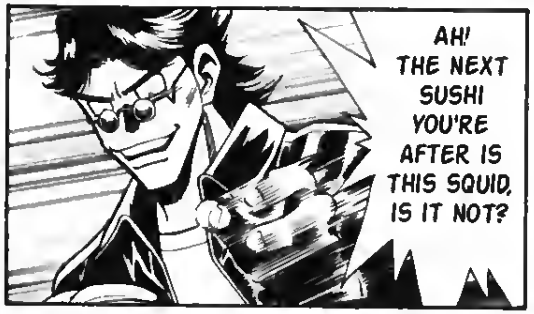
HEH... I ALWAYS TAKE THE SEAT EXACTLY THREE AWAY FROM THE SUSHI CHEF!
DO YOU KNOW WHY?

IT'S A GREAT SPOT TO GRAB FRESH SUSHI!
BUT IT WOULD BE RUDE IF I TOOK ALL OF THE SUSHI RIGHT AFTER THE CHEF MADE IT!
SO I TAKE THE THIRD SEAT - AS MY OFFERING TO CHARITY!

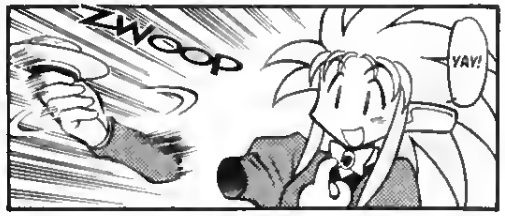

OOPS! MUST WATCH OUT!
I ALMOST BROKE MY OWN RULE. NUMBER 2, SECTION 3, TO BE PRECISE! "NO SPITTING ON THE REVOLVING SUSHI."
THAT GUY WON'T SHUT UP! (

YOU THINK YOU'RE SO NOBLE, EH?
I'LL SHOW YOU, MR. BIG SHOT!
TEN MINUTES ATER...

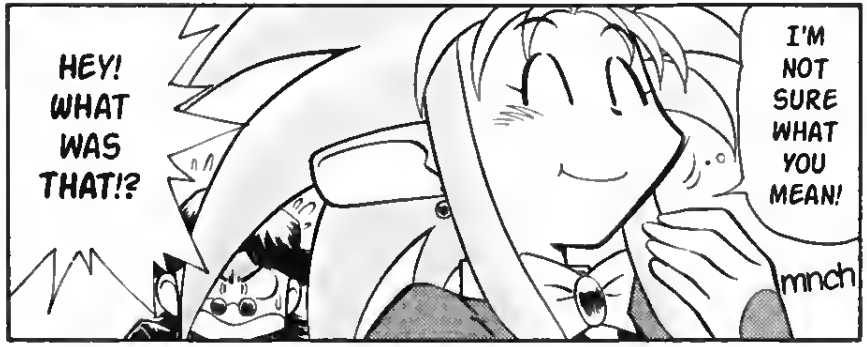
▲ SHE DOESN'T LIKE SILVER-SKINNED FISH.



WHA...
WH... WHAT IS... THAT?
SWIP


ZWOOP
YAY!

MM! ALL FOR ME!
CHAK


HEY! WHAT WAS THAT!?
I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU MEAN!
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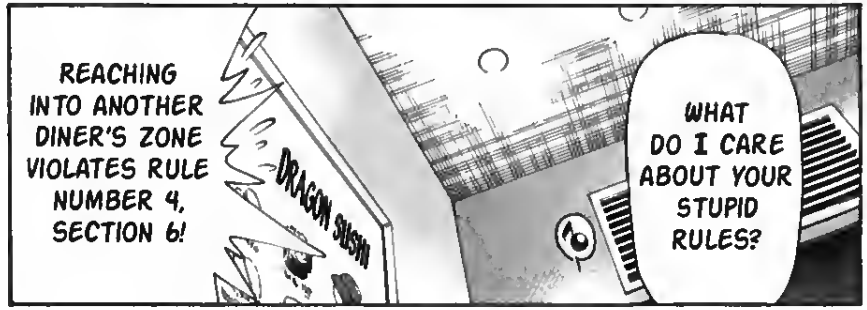
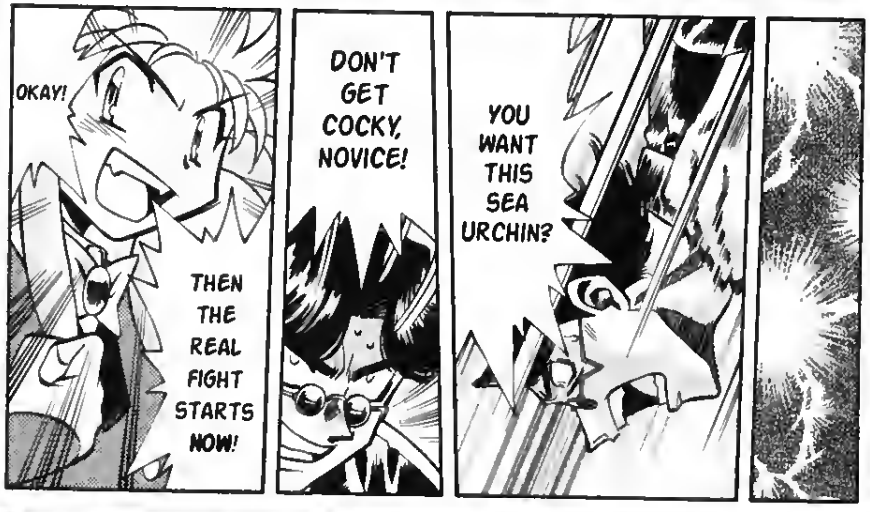

REACHING INTO ANOTHER DINER'S ZONE VIOLATES RULE NUMBER 4, SECTION 6!
DRAGON SUSHI
WHAT DO I CARE ABOUT YOUR STUPID RULES?

I'M THE KING OF REVOLVING SUSHI, AND YOU THINK YOU CAN MAKE A FOOL OUT OF ME?
GRR
EVEN IF THE GOD OF REVOLVING SUSHI FORGIVES YOU, I SHALL NOT! NOT EVER!


OKAY!
THEN THE REAL FIGHT STARTS NOW!
DON'T GET COCKY, NOVICE!
YOU WANT THIS SEA URCHIN?

!

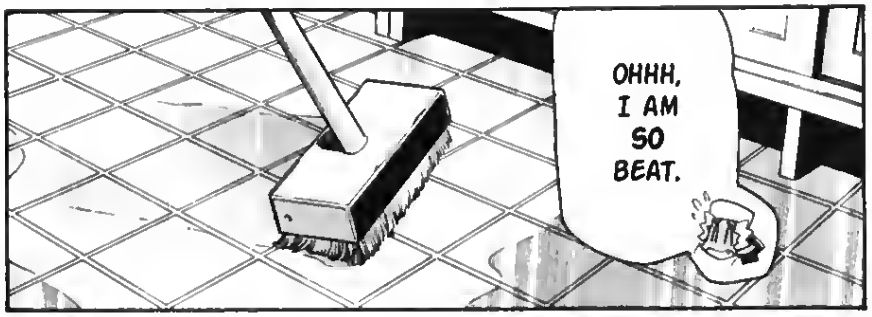
DRAGON SUSHI
HOW D'YOU LIKE THAT?
AH...

TH-THIS TYPE OF RULE-BREAKING ISN'T EVEN LISTED IN MY BOOK!
FUMP
GUH
CHOMP

GULP
HEH...

WHO'S THE KING NOW?
HEH!
RMB
RMB
HA HA HA
HA HA HA
DESTROYER...

...HUH?



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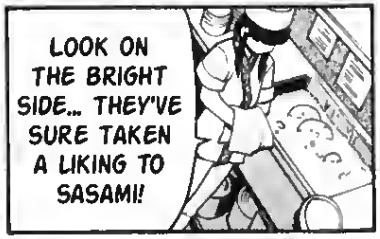


SASAMI = SKILL +2

EPILOGUE: WOMAN AT SEA

IF YOU DON'T FINISH THE JOB, DON'T COME HOME.
MISTER, IT'S TIME TO GO BACK TO JAPAN, RIGHT?
DON'T BE STUPID. WE JUST STARTED THE TRIP.
WELL, HOW MUCH LONGER, THEN?
GAH!
I'D SAY ABOUT THREE MORE MONTHS.
HUH?
NO WAY!

TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 6!

Tenchi. I can't believe I'm editing Tenchi.

Like many otaku of my generation, I was introduced to anime via **Tenchi Muyô!** You youngsters in the audience may not believe it, but there was a time when very little anime or manga was available in the United States. As a college student, I spent my nights huddled on a beer-stained sofa with the other members of the campus science-fiction club, entranced by flickering images of Ranma Saotome, Lina Inverse, the Patlabor force, those ninja in **Ninja Scroll**, and, of course, Tenchi and his hyperactive harem.

When Eric Searleman, the previous **All-New Tenchi** editor, asked me to take the reins of power, I felt that my life as an otaku had come full circle. Anime and manga had exploded onto the American market, we were flooded with more from Japan than any one fangirl could read or watch. . . and here I was, immersed in Tenchi all over again.

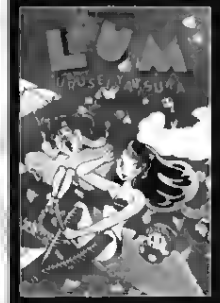
But getting back to my roots reminded me of how much I owe to those long-ago nights on the college sofas. Many of the elements I love to incorporate into my own comics – mad scientists, outlandish sci-fi concepts, and, best of all, butt-kicking women – come straight from the Tenchi mythos. And then there's the hair. Tenchi hair is a masterpiece of engineering. I'm still trying to figure out why mine just hangs there. Wood glue might help.

I'm back to Tenchi. And it feels good.

Shaenon K. Garrity
Editor of **The All-New Tenchi Muyô!**

Like Tenchi? Love Tenchi?

If so, here are some other books the editor thinks you'll enjoy:



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Lum* Urusei Yatsura

Learn your history, kids: the harem love comedy wouldn't exist as a genre without Rumiko Takahashi's shamelessly funny sci-fi classic. A bikini-clad alien demon princess (in matching tiger-striped spaceship) rockets into a teenage boy's backyard, setting off a chain reaction of violence, chaos, and sexy extraterrestrial visitations. It's so much fun, you don't even need to recognize that, like **Tenchi**, the whole thing's an elaborate send-up of Japanese mythology. Simply the best.

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Battle Angel Alita

If you read only one manga about cyborgs fighting for survival in a postapocalyptic future, **Battle Angel Alita** is the one to read. And if the tough-as-nails women are the reason you keep reading **Tenchi**, you don't want to miss out on this intense action saga. Rescued from the trash by an eccentric inventor, sweet but deadly Alita keeps the peace in a futuristic junkyard while searching for the secret of her lost identity. Yukito Kishiro's gorgeous, kinetic artwork makes the story sing.

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Excel Saga

What's wrong with trying to take over the world? Experience the battle for the planet from the bad guys' point of view as over-enthusiastic Excel, her sickly sidekick Hyatt, and a very unfortunate dog pool their limited resources to follow the muddled dictates of would-be overlord Il Palazzo. After you've seen what these low-budget supervillains go through just to attack their local civic center and still make it home with enough cash for a ramen dinner, you'll be rooting for the heroes to take a fall once in a while.

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